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## Rabin, Hussein to meet following border opening King to make first public visit to Israel

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein will exchange ratified copies of the peace treaty today at Beit Givri on the Kinneret shore at the ceremony opening the new northern border crossing at the Jordan River Bridge in Beit She'an Valley.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office said the visit would be primarily ceremonial, although Rabin and Hussein would hold a brief working meeting.

In Amman, the Jordanian Senate yesterday ratified the Jordan-Israel peace treaty, despite unprecedented vocal opposition by some members known for their loyalty to the throne.

The vote was 33 in favor in the 40-member Senate. One member quit the session in protest against the treaty. The six others were absent.

King Hussein issued a decree endorsing the treaty and clearing the way for its enactment, Information Minister Jawad Anani announced.

It is assumed that Rabin will brief Hussein today on his talks in Gaza with PLO leader Yasser Arafat. Some sources say Jerusalem would prefer improved Jordanian-Palestinian coordination before Israel holds talks with the PLO late this month in expanding self-rule throughout the territories. PLO leader Yasser Arafat telephone Hussein last night in an apparent attempt to ease the tensions between them.

Arafat briefed Hussein on his meeting with Rabin on Tuesday in the Gaza Strip, said Arafat's adviser Nabil Abu Rdeineh.

"Arafat and King Hussein have

agreed to continue their contacts over the telephone," Irdeineh told The Associated Press.

Hussein is also expected to be interested in what Rabin plans to discuss with President Clinton regarding advancement in the peace talks with Syria. The prime minister will address American Jewish audiences in the US next week, and will visit the White House a week later.

Meanwhile, speculation about who will be Israel's first ambassador to Jordan has intensified. According to the peace treaty, the two countries are to exchange envoys within a month of the document being ratified by parliaments in both countries.

According to an official in the Prime Minister's Office, the two leading candidates are Foreign Ministry Deputy Director-General Eitan Bentsur and deputy Mossad head, Ephraim Halevy.

Both have been active in negotiations with Jordan. Bentsur, the candidate of the Foreign Ministry, has headed US affairs, while Halevy has maintained quiet ties with Hussein.

Chief negotiator with Jordan, Elyakim Rubinstein, has taken himself out of contention, officials say. Aides of Rabin dismissed a report that OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai is in the running for the post.

Both Jordanian and Israeli administrative teams are expected to visit Tel Aviv and Amman respectively next week in a search for suitable space for each embassy.

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## Tough opposition bill on Jerusalem passes Knesset hurdle

DAN IZENBERG

A TOUGHLY worded opposition bill banning PLO activity in Jerusalem was passed on preliminary reading yesterday, when Shas supported it.

Two Labor MKs violated party discipline by not voting against the bill. Yit'ud's Gonen Segal and Alex Gofarb also refrained from voting.

The bill was approved 40-39 two days after the government won approval in first reading for its own legislation on the issue.

The debate on the bill was tense and erupted into a bitter exchange between its initiator, Yehoshua Matza (Likud) and several Arab MKs. At one point, Deputy Speaker Dov Shilansky walked off the podium and suspended the proceedings. Later, he explained that Matza had insulted him after he ordered Matza to apologize to Taleb a-Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party) for calling him mentally disturbed.

According to the bill, which is an amendment to the Penal Code, anyone conducting unauthorized political activity inside Israel will be liable to 15 years in jail.

Matza stressed that unlike the government proposal, his bill does not leave the imposition of sanctions to the discretion of the government, but forces it to act automatically. It also enables citizens to petition the High Court of Justice in case the government fails to take action.

The government bill grants the government the right to issue writs banning activity on the part of the PLO or the Palestinian Authority inside Israel.

Economics Minister Shimon Shetret and Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee chairman Emanuel Zissman refused repeated entreaties by Labor faction head Eli Dayan to enter the hall and vote with the coalition.

## Morocco's Hassan calls Arab hopes for Jerusalem 'fantasy'

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — King Hassan of Morocco says Arab hopes of regaining all of Jerusalem are fantasy, according to an interview published yesterday.

"What will be our share of sovereignty over Jerusalem, one half or one third or all?" asked Hassan in an

interview with the Bahrain daily *Al-Ayam*, also published in the London-based Saudi daily *Asharq Al-Awsat*.

"I believe it is of the realm of fantasy to think that we will regain all of Jerusalem to control it politically and under our sovereignty," said Hassan.

An Islamic summit Hassan will host December 13-14 in Casablanca "will give us the chance to define a vision over what is required and over what is possible," he said.

Hassan did not use the name "east Jerusalem," but indicated he was alluding to it.

## Republican landslide in US

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders pledged yesterday to make good on their promises to cut taxes and reduce government, as they took control of Congress for the first time since the 1950s.

The outcome posed a major midterm challenge for President Clinton, both on domestic and foreign policy issues and in his efforts to get reelected in two years.

Two years after Clinton took office, his Democratic Party suffered wholesale repudiation. The president's top advisers acknowledged he would have to trim his agenda and try to work

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with the Republicans who firmly control a more conservative Congress.

"We're laying the groundwork for reaching out," said Leon Panetta, the White House chief of staff. Clinton will push legislative themes that already have bipartisan support, including deficit reduction, Panetta said.

Clinton said yesterday the voters had held Democrats accountable for not fulfilling their aspirations and pledged he would do his best to work with the new Republican majorities.

"With the Democrats in control of both the White House and the Congress, we were held accountable [Tuesday], and I accept my share of the responsibility in the results of the election," Clinton said in his first public comment.

Prime Minister Rabin said yesterday he did not expect the Republican landslide to affect Israeli-American relations.

"I believe that support for Israel is wide and encompasses the two major parties," Rabin told reporters.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu said the elections reflected a trend "for a greater respect in the United States... America comes first, which is understandable."

Netanyahu said Israel has to "adopt a long-term plan to wean ourselves from dependency on American financial support."

The Democratic losses extended to some of the most powerful figures in Congress. House Speaker Tom Foley conceded defeat yesterday to Republican newcomer George Nethercutt in a close race in his Washington State district. He became the first House speaker turned out of office since 1860.

Adding to the Democrats' losses, Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama announced he was switching to the



New York Governor Mario Cuomo gives a final wave after conceding defeat to Republican George Pataki early yesterday. (Reuters)

Republican Party. He was elected as a Democrat in 1986. That gave the Republicans a 53-47 edge.

"I am changing parties to a party of hope for America, not a party of dependency," Shelby said.

Voter turnout was about 75 million — or 39 percent of the registered voters, according to the Washington-based Center for the Study of the American Electorate. That was up slightly from the 36 percent turnout in the 1990 midterm election.

The combative Newt Gingrich, a doctrinaire conservative sure to be installed as speaker in January, and Bob Dole, the incoming Senate majority leader, will share power with Clinton. They wasted no time opening the new relationship.

In a four-minute phone call the morning after, Dole told the president: "I wanted to let you know right up front that we want to work together where we can."

"There's no reason we can't sit down and have a serious discussion" with the White House about implementing Republican legislative priorities, Gingrich said.

Dole said the election was nothing less than "a vote of no confidence in

the Clinton agenda." The Kansas Republican said he would tell Clinton: "We're certainly ready to work with you."

In one of the closest races, Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein withstood the \$27 million challenge of political neophyte and millionaire Michael Huffington in California.

Republicans captured 57 previously Democratic House seats for a net gain of 53, as Democrats picked up just four Republican seats — all of which were vacated, not a single Republican incumbent lost.

Catherine Rudder, executive director of the American Political Science Association and an expert on Congress, recalled that Ronald Reagan was able to get his program through a Congress which for six of his eight years was under Democratic control, but "Reagan was very popular and Clinton is not."

"It is going to be harder to govern, not easier," said Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey who survived despite his support of a ban on assault weapons.

Three-term Gov. Mario Cuomo, a liberal icon, fell in New York. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski in Illinois, under

a 17-count federal corruption indictment, also lost.

House Judiciary Chairman Jack Brooks of Texas, at 21 terms the longest-serving lawmaker seeking reelection, was ejected by voters, some resentful that his committee had approved a ban on assault weapons.

Texas also dismissed Gov. Ann Richards in favor of George W. Bush, son of the former president. But another Bush son, Jeb, fell short of taking over the statehouse in Florida.

The Republican resurgence was fed by a deep-felt frustration. Leaving the polls Tuesday, voters said they feared for the future, not trusting the US economic upturn to last, or to improve their lives.

Legislatively, universal health care now seems doomed. Panetta said Clinton would propose only "an incremental change."

The election brings back the divided government that characterized the Reagan and Bush years and puts Jesse Helms in charge of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Alfonse D'Amato over the Banking Committee, free to reopen

the Whitewater investigation of the Clintons' finances in Arkansas.

In celebration, Young Republicans piled out of cars at 2 a.m. yesterday and snaked across Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House in a conga line. They floated red, white and blue balloons and chanted the Republican nickname, "GOP, GOP, GOP" and, taking aim at the next presidential election: "'96, '96, '96."

Against the Republican tide, Sen. Edward Kennedy easily survived; his son, Patrick, won a House seat from Rhode Island.

And in the nation's most controversial contest, Democratic Sen. Charles Robb beat back an especially bitter challenge from Oliver North of Iran-Contra fame, a hero to the conservative Christian movement.

Washingtonians, meanwhile, gave Marion Barry a second chance and a fourth term as mayor. He was in his third term in 1990 when he was videotaped smoking crack cocaine and imprisoned for four months.

## New Congress could be good for Israel

ANALYSIS  
SAUL SINGER

Contrary to popular belief, the Republican sweep will probably be a net benefit to Israel. First, even though most American Jews still vote Democratic, pro-Israel inclinations do not divide along party lines. Both Israel's tough stance against terrorism and its pro-US democratic system strike positive chords with Republicans, many of whom are also sympathetic out of religious belief.

Clinton's weakness and the general budget cutting mood will have a greater impact on Israel than the switch in party dominance. Shrinking budgets will put pressure on US aid to Israel, which has been fixed since 1985 at \$3 billion a year out of a total foreign assistance budget that has dropped 40 percent over the same period.

Clinton's frustrations on the domestic

side could increasingly steer him toward seeking victories in foreign policy, where presidential power is relatively unfettered. Generally, a more active US foreign policy in the Middle East translates into more pressure on the party most responsive to US pressure — Israel.

If the president does try to accelerate the peace process at Israel's expense, Republican criticism in Congress could play a critical and positive role for Israel. The US is currently, for example, locked into an "even-handed" policy toward Jerusalem that in effect encourages Palestinian claims on the city. Given that Israel is seeking to keep

Jerusalem whole and Israeli, the US position of determined ambivalence leaves it open to Palestinian demands for a "fair" division of the city.

Clinton, seeking a deal, could put quiet but effective pressure on Israel to compromise on Jerusalem. This would be prime territory for the Republicans to rally to Israel's side. Jerusalem is the one issue within the peace process that has a strong domestic US constituency. Not only is Jerusalem a hot-button issue for American Jews, but for millions of believing Christians who prefer that the city be under democratic Israel than a potential PLO state.

A Republican Congress will likely be Israel's best protection against a deal-bungry White House, just as the Democratic Congress was under the

Bush administration. Similarly, the Clinton administration will probably be less able to sell the idea of US troops on the Golan Heights. While this could narrow Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's negotiating options, it would also strengthen his hand with Syrian President Hafez Assad, who will have to make greater concessions to satisfy Israel's security needs.

All in all, the new power alignment in Washington could mean an America that is engaged, but not destructively so, in the peace process, which could be an ideal situation for Israel and for a secure peace in the region.

Saul Singer, who served on the Senate Banking Committee staff for Sen. Connie Mack (R-FL), made aliya this month.

## Kupat Holim workers set to walk off the job today

JUDY SIEGEL

MOST of Kupat Holim Clalit's workers were poised last night to start an open-ended strike this morning in protest against management's failure to pay their October salaries on time. The strike, if implemented, will paralyze community health fund clinics and institute an emergency schedule in Clalit hospitals.

Last night, workers representatives were meeting in the finance minister's Tel Aviv office in an attempt to find a solution to the crisis. The strike will close outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes. Except for a minimum of nurses, maintenance workers, technicians and clerks to handle emergency cases, only the doctors will remain on the job; clinic and hospital doctors won't be able to do much without backup from nurses, technicians and administrative workers.

The union representing 26,000 workers (excluding the 6,000 doctors) had hoped the Treasury would accept their offer of a 2.75 percent linked, no-interest loan granted to management, repayable to staffers after 10 years.

But the government was not enthusiastic about this unprecedented idea. The union finally decided that offering the loan would justify the government's argument that salaries could not be paid before the workers approve Clalit's painful recovery plan.

Acting union chairman Moshe Zeligler said the workers are fighting not for higher salaries or improved working conditions, but merely the right to get paid for work already performed. He denounced the government's linkage between payment of wages and demands that staffers accede to reduced wages, dismissals and longer working hours.

The doctors, too, are demanding their wages, but have not yet decided whether to join a strike. The government is not optimistic about the possibility of getting labor court restraining orders, as judges would be unlikely to force unpaid workers back to their jobs.

However, officials repeatedly point out that a strike would scare away many Clalit members, who will be free to join any other health fund when the national health insurance system begins on January 1. This would mean even more dismissals.

## Paris theater showing movie on IDF gassed

PARIS (AP) Extreme-right-wing students sprayed tear gas yesterday at two Parisian theaters showing the premier of a new film, *Tsahtal*. No one was hurt.

The University Defense Group, an organization of several hundred members, claimed the attack and expressed "solidarity with the Palestinian people, victims of daily atrocities by the Zionist occupation army."

The film by Claude Lanzmann, who made the landmark Holocaust documentary *Shoah*, was opening at theaters in Montparnasse and on the Champs-Elysees for matinees when the attacks occurred. Both theaters were briefly evacuated.

## Barak fires Dabsha commander

ALON PINKAS

CHIEF of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak decided yesterday that the Dabsha outpost commander, a lieutenant, would be dishonorably discharged.

Barak was briefed by the commanders of Southern Command, Northern Command, and the Givati Brigade on the conclusions of the investigation into the Hizbullah attack on the Dabsha outpost on October 29. Barak ordered that the

Meanwhile, Brig.-Gen. Giora Eilat, chief infantry and paratroop officer, said in an interview in *Banbanah*, published today that the officers' and soldiers' actions in the Dabsha outpost attack were disgraceful, and should not be treated in any other way.



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# Palestinians urge early economic autonomy

JOSE ROSENFELD

PALESTINIAN Authority Economics Minister Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala) yesterday requested that Israel transfer economic responsibilities for the West Bank to the Palestinians at the early empowerment stage, instead of waiting for final status negotiations as required under the Declaration of Principles.

Qreia raised the issue with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat at a Jerusalem meeting called to discuss problems that have arisen in implementing the economic agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

Qreia explained that without control over the economy of the West Bank, it will be difficult to plan the economic development of Jericho and the West Bank. He admitted that it was not an item on the agenda, since under the DOP, economic responsibility over the West Bank will be part of the final status negotiations. Nevertheless, Qreia said, "we hope the proposal will be given serious consideration."

Shohat said he will deliver the Palestinians' request to the prime minister since the issue cannot be decided by the joint economic committee, which only deals with economic relations between Israel and Gaza/Jericho.

Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothschild, coordinator of government activities in the territories, said an early transfer of economic responsibilities was not likely. In contrast to Gaza and Jericho, "we are in Judea and Samaria," he said. The early transfer would create several problems since the tax revenues



Avraham Shohat (left) and Ahmed Qreia meet yesterday to iron out Israeli-Palestinian economic problems. (Isaac Harari)

from those areas are used to finance local activities.

Rothschild answered that their approach is "first of all give us; we will take care of the problems later."

Shohat announced that the government transferred NIS 8 million to the Palestinian Authority on Tuesday from taxes collected on behalf of the Palestinians on imports and fuel excise taxes. The Treasury transferred an additional NIS 3.5m. yesterday to refund health stamp and income tax payments by Palestinians working in Israel.

Shohat said the government signed an agreement with the authority to cover pensions of Palestinians who worked in the civil administration. The Treasury

transferred NIS 430m. to a US investment bank, which will manage the funds.

Qreia raised 35 issues covering trade, taxation, movement of labor and agricultural goods during his meeting with Shohat, including the problem of Palestinian import licenses which are not recognized by Israel.

Qreia said the three would be released, and that the move "reflected the improved relations between the Palestinians and Israelis."

Sources in the District Attorney's Office said that if the three

## Court expected to release Rajoub's men

BILL HUTMAN

THE release of three of Palestinian Authority security chief Jibril Rajoub's bodyguards - under house arrest for nearly two months on kidnapping charges - is to be considered today by the Jerusalem District Court.

Sources close to the case said their release on bail was likely, and that the kidnapping charges would also likely be dropped soon by the District Attorney's Office.

The bodyguards are being held for the alleged kidnapping of Palestinian TV head Samih Samara, which drew attention to the operations of Palestinian security agents in Jerusalem.

Rajoub told the Post last night that he "understood that the three would be released," and that the move "reflected the improved relations between the Palestinians and Israelis."

Sources in the District Attorney's Office said that if the three

agreed to admit to assault charges - for which they would get suspended sentences - the more serious kidnapping charge would be dropped.

It will be difficult to prosecute them on the kidnapping charges, because Samara has sided with Rajoub and denies that he was ever kidnapped; the sources added.

Rajoub said he did not apply political pressure on Israeli officials to secure his guards release. "I did not speak to any Israeli officials. ... I did not interfere in the court proceedings," Rajoub said.

"I hope that this whole affair will end positively," he added.

Meanwhile, Rajoub said yesterday that the Israeli security forces prevented him from visiting the Machpela Cave on Tuesday afternoon, when he arrived with a number of Palestinian security personnel.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Tent city to remain - for now

Homeless families living in tents outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem denied Housing Ministry reports that their tent city would be dismantled today. Residents said that solutions are being discussed, but nothing has been finalized and there's no chance the encampment would be dismantled in the near future. One of the solutions being discussed is a monthly grant of NIS 1,000 per family for a year and increased mortgages.

#### 'Yom Leyom' turns weekly

The last daily edition of the Shas newspaper *Yom Leyom* appears on newsstands today. Beginning next week, the paper will only appear weekly. The paper is believed to have accumulated millions of shekels of debts. Most of the paper's workers will be fired, with only a few joining the new weekly, which will be renamed.

#### Weizman to seek solution for Avruhm

President Ezer Weizman agreed yesterday to meet a Knesset delegation next week to find a way out of the impasse over his refusal to grant Justice Minister David Liba's request to shorten the prison sentence of Yona Avruhm. Weizman met yesterday with Knesset deputy speakers Ovadia Eli and Yosef Azran. Eli said the meeting convinced him that Weizman was not discriminating against Avruhm for personal or political reasons but was genuinely concerned about the principle of the issue.

#### Melet tombstone changed

The army said yesterday that modifications made to the tombstone of IDF soldier Amir Melet, who was killed in the "net roulette" incident, were made with the consent of the family.

The tombstone, the army said, was larger in size and had more commemorative writing on it than the standards set by the Soldier Commemoration Unit.

The army said that after Shula Melet, Amir's mother, committed suicide, the family agreed to remove the tombstone on Amir's grave and modify it to standards.

#### Comoro Islands to establish ties with Israel

The Comoro Islands and Israel will establish diplomatic relations, making it the third member of the Arab League to have ties with Israel, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday in a statement. Representatives from the two countries will meet today in the Israeli Embassy in Paris to sign an agreement to open diplomatic ties, the statement said.

The Comoro Islands, an archipelago in the Indian Ocean, is officially known as the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros and home to half a million people.

#### Justice orders home sealings stayed

An order temporarily preventing the IDF from sealing the homes of the parents of the terrorists who kidnapped and murdered Sgt. Nahshon Wachman was issued yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Yitzhak Zamir.

The parents of Abdel Karim Bader and Hassan Natshe appealed to the High Court after the IDF informed them on Tuesday that it intended to seal their homes.

## MK: Fatah leaflet calls for attacks on Druse troops

DAN IZENBERG

LIKUD MK Assad Assad yesterday produced a leaflet which he said had been issued by the Fatah in Nabulus, calling for attacks on Druse soldiers serving in the city.

According to the leaflet, the Druse soldiers are described as "dogs trying to serve their Zionist masters. The heroes of the stones will teach the Druse mercenaries a resounding lesson."

"[Israel's] actions and terror practices repeatedly prove that the peace process is barren, especially the practices of the Druse soldiers who want to convince their Israeli masters that they are loyal to Zionism," the leaflet said.

Assad called on the government to protect the Druse soldiers and accused Arafat of "playing a double game, by extorting political concessions from the prime minister in the name of so-called peace and at the same time sending his men in the framework of the Fatah to attack Druse soldiers."

### ARRIVALS

Mrs. Sue Mizrahi, National Secretary of Hadassah.

Hadassah's Convention Team, for preparation of the 81st Hadassah Convention, to be held in Israel, August 7-14, 1995: Evelyn Sonnenheim, Co-Chair; Barbara Goldstein, Tourism Chair; Helene Karg, Visual Arts Chair; Beth Wohlgelegen, Executive Director; Oscar Brand, Director of Productions and members of staff.

Mrs. Deborah Kaplan, National and International President of Hadassah.

## Study: Judges' salaries have risen 21.7%

EVELYN GORDON

DESPITE the National Association of Judges' claim that they have not had a raise in years, their salaries have actually gone up 21.7 percent, in real terms, in the past 13 years, according to a study prepared by the Knesset Finance Committee's economic advisor, Smadar Elhanani.

Currently, Elhanani said, a Supreme Court justice with 35 years of experience earns NIS 21,886 a month, while a district court judge with the same experience earns NIS 16,872 a month.

Elhanani prepared the document because it is the Finance Committee which must approve any increase in judges' salaries.

A month ago, the judges sent an urgent letter to Justice Minister David Liba'i, saying they had not received a raise in 17 years, and demanding that he do something about the problem.

Judges do not receive many of the benefits given other civil servants, they claimed, such as car allowance, clothing allowance, overtime pay, sabbatical and extra pay for being on call.

However, Elhanani disputed many of these claims.

While it is true that judges do not get benefits such as car or clothing allowances, she said, this is because all these benefits were incorporated into the judges' base salaries in 1979. These base salaries were then linked to the average wage in the economy, and are updated accordingly every three months.

Thus, a Supreme Court justice with 35 years of experience, who earned 5.68 times the average wage in 1981, is still earning 5.68 times the average wage today, she

said. District court judges with the same experience earn 4.37 times the average wage.

Since the average wage has risen by 21.7 percent, after inflation, since 1981, judges' wages have risen by the same amount, Elhanani said.

However, the judges, via Justice Ministry spokeswoman Etti Eshed, disputed Elhanani's findings.

First of all, Eshed said, calculating the salaries based on 35 years of experience is misleading, since judges are chosen at age 33 or 34 at the youngest, and retire at age 70.

"There is no judge in the country with 35 years of experience," she said.

According to Finance Committee figures from this past April, Eshed said, judges' base salaries -

not including the experience bonus - were NIS 8,760 for magistrates court judges, NIS 10,500 for district court judges, and NIS 15,000 for the president of the Supreme Court.

Furthermore, she said, the transportation allowance included in judges' salaries in 1979 was only two-way bus fare - much less than a car allowance.

Elhanani could not be reached for comment on Eshed's response last night.

In light of Elhanani's report, MK Ariel Weinstein (Likud) demanded that the Finance Committee have a discussion on the issue. However, committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) said he would first invite the judges for a private conversation with himself and Dan Tichon (Likud), who heads the opposition in the committee.

## IDF: No change in open-fire rules

ALON PINKAS

THE IDF yesterday denied that open-fire regulations in the territories have been updated and liberalized since the Machpela cave was reopened.

It has been reported that new guidelines were introduced by the Central Command, according to which soldiers who see a settler or any other Israeli shooting at Palestinians in the territories are permitted to shoot him immediately without ascertaining the circumstances of the event.

The army flatly denied that any new orders were introduced, but said that officers and soldiers were told to react swiftly and stop, then detain if necessary, any Jew using his weapon against Palestinians

when not coming under attack by firearms.

"On more than one occasion settlers have taken the law into their hands and began shooting indiscriminately at stone-throwing Palestinians. We are talking about a handful of violent troublemakers, and the units deployed in the territories were ordered to prevent these actions. However, no new guidelines were introduced. The only legitimate use of weapons by non-soldiers is self-defense," said a senior Central Command source.

Security arrangements governing the entrance to the Machpela

cave, monitoring the cave and electronic control devices are satisfactory and have performed well in the first days of the cave's reopening, security sources said yesterday.

The cave will be closed again next Sunday and Monday for further review and implementation of the new arrangements, then reopened November 15.

"Obviously there are Jews and Moslems who are unhappy with the arrangements which they interpret as an unwelcome change in the religious status quo in the cave. But these arrangements may in the future save lives in the event that another violent incident occurs," the source added.

## Court to consider legality of hearings inside prison

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court will consider the legality of prisoners' legal petitions being heard inside prison walls, in the context of an appeal filed yesterday by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, ACRRI said.

The appeal was filed by Dan Zevulunov, currently serving a life sentence to life for killing a policeman. Recently, he was involved in an attack on another prisoner, and the warden ordered that from now on, he not be allowed to leave his cell without his hands and legs shackled.

Zevulunov appealed this order to Nazareth District Court, but the judge, after hearing the case in the office of the prison's deputy director, rejected the appeal. He therefore appealed to the Supreme Court.

Attorney Yisrael Doron argued that this order unjustly deprives the prisoner of his rights - particularly as the problem could be solved in another manner: He could simply be taken out for his daily exercise at a time when no other prisoners are around.

The order is particularly disturbing, Doron said, because it is not limited in duration.

However, the appeal also attacks the district court's decision on the grounds that hearing the case within the prison walls violates the prisoner's right to a public hearing, which is enshrined in the Basic Law: The Judiciary.

This right is especially important for prisoners, Doron said, because they are particularly in need of the protection offered by public oversight.

Holding court proceedings inside a prison also violates the principle that justice must not only be done, but must be seen to be done, Doron said.

## Maoz Haim toasts its own Jordan crossing point

HAIM SHAPIRO

MEMBERS of Kibbutz Maoz Haim, the settlement nearest the new Jordan crossing point to be officially opened today, yesterday held their own ceremony at the crossing point.

Most of the members, like the residents of other settlements in the area, will not be at today's ceremony, for which only two tickets for each community have been allocated. Instead, the kibbutzniks drank a toast and were given a tour of the crossing point, which is about 1.5 kilometers from the kibbutz.

"I can understand that they can't invite everyone who lives in the area. We don't have to be at the official opening," said kibbutz member Peter Weiner.

Weiner hoped for a gathering some time soon of Maoz Haim residents with those of Sheikh Hussein, the Jordanian community nearest the border crossing.

In a related development, Egged announced yesterday that it is running a new bus line from Beit Shean to the new border crossing. The route, number 16, is to run every hour in each direction between 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Egged spokesman Ron Ratner also said the company will apply to the controller of road transport to open bus routes between various Israeli cities and Aqaba, Amman and Irbid. The routes would begin service as soon as an Israeli embassy opens in Amman, in about a month, he said.

## Canadian justice not going to Bethlehem

THE Canadian Embassy canceled visiting Canadian Chief Justice Antonio Lamer's scheduled tour of Bethlehem yesterday, on grounds he should not be accompanied there by Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar.

A source involved in planning the trip said the embassy also asked Lamer not to go with Shamgar to Jerusalem's Old City, considered by the Canadian government as occupied territory.

The Old City visit, however, is to go ahead as scheduled today, after it was agreed that the two judges would have a walking tour, emphasizing the non-official capacity of the visit, the source said.



Hadassah Medical Organization

mourns the death of

**Professor ELIAHU SADOVSKY** אליהו סדובסקי

pioneer of modern obstetrics and one of Israel's foremost physicians

The funeral will take place today, November 10, 1994, leaving from the Sanhedria Funeral Home at 2 p.m. for Har Hamenuhot.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The United States Information Service in Jerusalem regrets to inform friends and colleagues that

**Gilbert K. Sherman,**

formerly the Consul for Information and Culture at the United States Consulate General in Jerusalem

has died suddenly at his home in Cairo of natural causes. He passed away on Saturday, November 5, 1994.

Mr. Sherman, who was Cultural Affairs Officer at the Embassy in Cairo, had previously served as a Desk Officer for North Africa at the United States Information Agency in Washington, D.C., as Information Officer in Algiers, and as Cultural Affairs Officer in India. He also worked for the Agency for International Development in Ypsouville, Cameroon, and as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nigeria. He was a native of New Jersey. His wife, Dona Phelps Sherman, formerly Consul Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem, passed away in August of this year. Gil and Dona are survived by twin daughters, Jenny, a sophomore at Stanford University, and Alexandra, who is currently on a year's study leave from Scripps College in Claremont, California.

Friends and colleagues of Gil and Dona Sherman are invited to attend a memorial service on Sunday, November 13, at 4:00 p.m., at St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem.

Those wishing to contribute to a memorial fund, which will be given to a local orphanage in Gil and Dona's memory, may contact the Consular Section of the U.S. Consulate General, at 27 Nablus Road in Jerusalem, Tel. 278-444.

## HAIFA READERS

Senior staffers of The Jerusalem Post including

President and Publisher Yehuda Levy, Executive Editor David Bar-Ilan, and Jerusalem Post reporters will be visiting Haifa on Wednesday, November 16.

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# Republican landslide rocks administration

## World ponders future of foreign policy

LONDON (Reuters) — US President Bill Clinton's defeat in mid-term elections has dealt him a major blow and raised fresh uncertainty over Washington's future relations with the outside world, analysts and commentators said yesterday.

Clinton's Democrats lost control of both houses of the US Congress to the Republicans in Tuesday's elections — a political earthquake unprecedented in the last 40 years.

Diplomats and analysts from Japan to Western Europe said Clinton now faced tough times before presidential elections in 1996. Many wondered how it would affect US foreign policy in key areas such as trade, the Middle East and Bosnia.

"It wasn't a defeat, it was a disaster and a slap in the face of the first order for Clinton," said French radio commentator Marc Ullman. "His power is really going to be amputated and the fall-out is going to be heavy."

Italy's *La Stampa* newspaper said the Republicans' takeover of Congress was a "death sentence for Clinton," a comment echoed by many others outside the United States.

Some seemed surprised that Clinton had not done better, given improvements in the US economy and recent foreign policy successes in the Middle East, Haiti and North Korea.

"But all the logic in the world doesn't help against a depressed national spirit that blames Washington for the ills of American society," wrote *Ma'ariv*. "Clinton is not to blame for that — that the Americans have stopped loving themselves."

While the election result certainly means more trouble for Clinton's domestic reform program, there was also concern that it could affect foreign policy despite a pledge from Secretary of State Warren

Christopher that there would be continuity.

Diplomats said Clinton could focus more on foreign policy to boost his credentials since he will have trouble at home, but that he may also be pushed by the Republicans to take a much harder line with allies and partners.

"If he now tries to get a better grip on foreign affairs, that will improve his general image and put him in better shape for the actual presidential elections in two years' time," said David Howell, chairman of the British parliament's foreign affairs committee.

In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said he did not expect US foreign policy to change, and Irish officials in Dublin said they expected no change in Clinton's vocal support for the peace process in Northern Ireland.

Experts in Tokyo said the massive defeat for Clinton's party spelled more uncertainty in trade ties with Japan, a sensitive and vital issue often complicated by disputes as Washington presses for more access to Japanese markets.

"Certainly there is a view that because domestic politics will become even more difficult for Clinton, he will have less time to pressure Japan," a Japanese government official said.

"But it won't necessarily work that way when it comes to actual negotiations."

"Already there had been criticism from Congress that Clinton's trade policy towards Japan has not produced results, and that is likely to increase," said Kazuaki Harada, chief economist at Sanwa Research Institute. "So the Clinton administration could take an even more aggressive stance."

In addition, a world trade deal struck last year still has to be ratified by Congress.



Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy pumps his fist after winning the election on Tuesday

(Reuters)

## Kennedys enjoy strong showing

BOSTON (Reuters) — The Kennedy family, America's most famous political dynasty, defied the hammering Democrats generally across the nation in Tuesday's elections.

Four of five Kennedy clan members who ran for office won, while the fifth was in a dead heat.

In Massachusetts, Senator Edward Kennedy, 62, the patriarch of the clan, overcame the toughest challenge of his 32-year career, defeating Republican Mitt Romney by a comfortable margin to retain his seat in the US Senate for six more years.

In a measure of the Kennedy family's legendary influence in this strongly Democratic state, his nephew Representative Joseph Kennedy, 41, the son of Robert Kennedy, ran unopposed in Massachusetts' 8th Congressional District, representing Boston and its suburbs.

In a gritty factory district of Providence, Rhode Island, Ted Kennedy's 27-year-old son Patrick won a first term in one of that state's two seats for the House of Representatives.

Patrick, a Rhode Island state representative, easily beat Republican candidate Kevin Vigilante with 56 percent of the vote against 44 percent to win the seat in Rhode Island's 1st Congressional District.

In Maryland, Mark Shriver, the 30-year-old son of Eunice Shriver — sister of Robert, Ted and President John Kennedy — won a seat in the state's House of Delegates.

In the only close race among the Kennedys, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, 43, Robert Kennedy's eldest daughter, ran for lieutenant governor in Maryland on a Democratic ticket with gubernatorial candidate Parris Glendening. With 98 per cent of the vote counted, the race was split 50-50.

## Public votes crackdown on crime, immigration

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans wanted control, and on Election Day '94 they grabbed what they could.

They voted to ship repeat criminals off to life in prison. Keep their handguns. Set term limits for politicians.

And, after a bitter and divisive campaign in California, they've pulled the welcome mat for illegal aliens.

After a bruising, punishing political season, many Americans responded in kind when deciding scores of ballot issues in voting booths. They didn't want to pay a penny more at the movie house to create funds for breast cancer research in Oklahoma.

No issue, though, was more emotional than California's Proposition 187, which denies illegal immigrants access to public schools and most health and welfare benefits. The "Save Our State" measure, approved by 59 percent of the voters, stirred some of the biggest protests since the Vietnam War and overshadowed the heated senate and gubernatorial campaigns.

Gov. Pete Wilson supported Proposition 187, arguing that the flow of illegal immigrants threatened the state's economy. After winning re-election, he rejected suggestions this debate had anything to do with intolerance.

"This issue was never about race or racism," he said. "To the contrary, Californians of every race and color and creed voted not just to send a message, but they voted for fairness and the rule of law."

But opponents argued the initiative would create a police state atmosphere through provisions that require teachers, doctors and social workers to report illegal aliens to federal authorities. Several groups say they planned legal challenges.

In a year when health care dominated debate in Washington, DC, some states took up related measures.

Californians turned back the idea of a state-run health care system. With a ban on workplace smoking set to take effect January 1, they also rejected a tobacco industry-backed plan to relax that law.

One of the most controversial debates took place in Oregon, where voters decided whether to allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication for the terminally ill.

Under the Death With Dignity Act, patients would be required to make three requests for the life-ending prescription, one in writing, and must take the medicine without assistance. With 95 percent of the vote in, the measure was leading by a narrow

52-48 percent margin.

Also in Oregon, voters rejected a proposal that aimed to forestall gay rights protection, ban school programs that suggest homosexuality is acceptable and require libraries to keep books on homosexuality away from minors. An identical measure in neighboring Idaho was narrowly defeated.

Across the country, in Alachua County, Florida, voters repealed an existing gay rights ordinance and voted to prevent new ones in the future.

Many parts of the country were hit by anti-incumbent fever as voters in several states imposed deadlines on how long their elected officials may serve.

Congressional term limits were approved in Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska and Nevada. Colorado voters lowered limits for members of the House of Representatives to three consecutive two-year terms from six and restricted terms for various local officials.

Voters in the District of Columbia and Spokane, Washington, also imposed limits on local officials.

"I think across this nation people have determined that lifetime politicians should be a thing of the past," said Sig Rogich, a Las Vegas political consultant and former adviser to President Bush who led the petition drive to put the issue on the Nevada ballot.

Estimated voters also sought control over two issues with huge impacts on their lives: crime and taxes.

In Georgia, voters approved by a 4-1 margin the nation's toughest sentencing law, a "two-strikes measure" that mandates life in prison without parole for a second violent felony.

It was three strikes in California where voters gave an approving nod to a law already on the books. The so-called "Three Strikes, You're Out" law orders prison terms of 25 years-to-life for three-time offenders. Voter passage makes it virtually impossible for lawmakers to alter the measure without another ballot referendum.

The "Three Strikes" reference is drawn from baseball where a batter gets three strikes before being called out.

Oregon voters also got tough, enacting measures to stiffen mandatory sentences for violent crimes and to put prisoners to work, but a referendum that sought to arm virtually every household in Jackson County, along the California border, went down to resounding defeat.

Weapons were also the issue in Wisconsin, where voters in Milwaukee and Kenosha rejected proposed handgun bans.

## Jewish incumbents buck trend, successfully avoid defeat

### 23 of 29 re-elected; Israel supporters unfazed

JEWISH Democrats have so far successfully defended 23 of their 29 House and Senate seats in Tuesday's congressional elections. All three Jewish Republicans and the one Independent also held on.

It was the gentiles who gave incumbents a bad name.

In the Senate, all four Jewish incumbents up for election — all Democrats — won: Herbert Kohl (Wisconsin), Joseph Lieberman (Connecticut), Diane Feinstein (California) and Frank Lautenberg (New Jersey). Feinstein and Lautenberg prevailed in two of the closest races.

Newcomer Joel Hyatt (D-Ohio), seeking to replace his retiring father-in-law, Howard Metzgerbaum, lost a Senate bid to Mike DeWine.

The other Jewish challenger for a Senate seat, Sam Coppersmith (D-Arizona), lost both his bid and the House seat he'd given up in order to run.

HILLEL KUTTLER  
WASHINGTON

Israel supporters are not particularly upset that Jewish representation in the 104th Congress will fall off by eight members. "We look at views, not Jews," one said yesterday.

In the House, the most senior Jewish member, Sidney Yates (D-Illinois), won a 24th term, but the next most senior member, intelligence committee chairman Dan Claitor (D-Kansas), lost after 18 years in office.

The only Jew who won as a challenger, Jon Fox (R), beat a one-term incumbent, Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (D), in Pennsylvania.

The second-ranking Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Sam Gejdenson (D-Connecticut), still does not know his fate. Gejdenson leads by just 400 votes over challenger Edward

Munster and by law a recount must be completed before declaring a winner. That could take two days.

First-term Dan Hamburg (D-California) must also await a recount but he is trailing and is expected to lose.

Veteran House heavyweights Tom Lantos and Henry Waxman (California Democrats), Charles Schumer (D-New York), Benjamin Gilman (R-New York), and Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) won.

With the Republicans assuming control of the House, Gilman will become chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

The remaining Jewish incumbent losers were Eric Fingerhut (D-Ohio); Jane Harman and Lynn Schenk (D-California); and Herb Klein (D-New Jersey). David Levy (R-New York) lost in the September primary and was defeated again in the election running as an independent.

## Jewish vote fails to save Gov. Cuomo

MARILYN HENRY  
NEW YORK

AS the clock neared midnight on Tuesday, it struck the end of an era in New York politics as Mario Cuomo conceded that he had lost his bid for a fourth term as governor.

George Pataki, a Republican state senator from Peekskill, ended Cuomo's 12-year reign in Albany.

Kippot — both knitted and black velvet — bobbed immediately behind him on the platform as Pataki gave his victory speech, in which he hailed a handful of politicians who had come to his support. Among them was Dov Hikind, a state assemblyman from Brooklyn who had crossed party lines to endorse Pataki.

However, despite their visibility in the Republican camp, Jews had overwhelmingly voted for Cuomo.

The big Democratic winner in New York was H. Carl McCall, the candidate for state comptroller, who became the first black elected to a statewide office in New York. McCall beat Herb London, a Jewish Republican who electrified the campaign with race-baiting and unfounded charges against McCall of antisemitism.

McCall, who last year had been appointed to his position to fill an unexpired term, had near-universal backing from liberals and conserva-

crowd was quiet, squinting at TV monitors in the corners.

Election Day had been unseasonably warm, and observers said pleasant weather drew a heavy turnout of New Yorkers to the polls.

Some 10 percent of the voters were Jews. According to the *New York Daily News*, Cuomo got 76 of the Jewish vote, which put the Jews on the losing side. This was not a cause for concern in the camp of Hikind, who represents Borough Park, the largest Jewish community in the city.

Hikind has been friends with Pataki for a dozen years and is confident that Pataki will serve the needs of New York Jews, said Jeffrey Reznik, the assemblyman's chief of staff.

Many of the Republican's Jewish friends were in Brooklyn. But "it was pure Pataki in Borough Park," said Reznik, referring to a Brooklyn community that is home to numerous Hasidic groups.

"They were tired of Cuomo. They wanted the death penalty. And they felt a glimmer of hope that maybe

taxes would be lowered," he said.

Cuomo has thwarted all attempts to institute the death penalty in New York. According to a survey taken in September, 66 percent of the state's Jews were in favor of death penalty, which is only a few points shy of the general electorate's position.

However, there is a solid third of the Jewish community that opposes the death penalty, which is overwhelmingly in Manhattan.

In the election, Hikind vigorously attacked Cuomo for failing to use state power to intervene in the 1991 Crown Heights riots that left Lubavitch student Yankel Rosenbaum dead.

"The one question that is critical to the Jewish community," he said, "is Crown Heights."

That Brooklyn community saw intense campaigning from both the Cuomo and Pataki camps, with endorsements to both candidates from different Lubavitch leaders.

Perhaps the night's biggest winner in New York was Hikind, who backed both the Republican Pataki and the Democrat McCall.

"I think McCall and Pataki will complement each other," Reznik said. "It puts Dov Hikind in a very powerful position."

## Iran: Our warplanes bombed opposition bases in Iraq

NICOSIA (AP) — Iranian jet fighters bombed a Kurdish opposition base in northern Iraq early yesterday, killing at least one person and wounding three, a statement by the group said.

The Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan said four Iranian jet fighters launched an "intensive" attack on a "residential base," killing a civilian woman in the vicinity of the camp and wounding three guerrilla fighters.

The statement gave no details of damage.

The attack was reportedly the second in three days on Iraq-based Iranian opponents, underscoring an

Iranian effort to crush opponents.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said its pilots had launched a lightning attack on the "command headquarters, munition depot and center of counterrevolutionaries."

The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said the air raid, the first by warplanes on anti-Iranian bases in Iraq this year, occurred at 9:40 a.m. It said all jets that took part in the raid returned safely to their bases.

The Iranians launched an air attack on Kurdish bases in Iraq in July last year.

Both IRNA and the Kurdish state-

ment said the base attacked yesterday was in Koi Sanjaq, in the no-fly zone established by the US-led allies after the 1991 Gulf war to protect the Kurdish population from Iraqi attacks.

The raid followed the arrests in Iran on Monday of what IRNA described as "the terrorist agents of a counterrevolutionary team" that intended to plant bombs in Western Iran, along the border with Iraq.

That raised the likelihood that those arrested could have been Kurds, and that the attack was mounted as a warning to the rebels.

## Zhirinovsky says Jews play 'negative' role in Russia

NEWS AGENCIES

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) — Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultranationalist Russian politician, said yesterday that Jewish businessmen and journalists were exerting a negative influence in Russia.

On the third day of his two-week visit to the United States, Zhirinovsky emphatically told the UN Correspondents' Association that he was not antisemitic or half-Jewish.

But he proceeded to say that Jews play a "negative" role in Russia today.

"Unfortunately, the majority of

journalists who welcomed the [collapse of the Soviet Union] joyously are of Jewish nationality," he said. "The majority of new business structures are headed mostly by Jews, but today most of the money is criminal..."

"It's not we who are saying this, but it's the objective reality," he said.

Zhirinovsky, who has a reputation for being antisemitic, said people blamed journalists "who represent the Jewish minority" for welcoming

the destruction of the Soviet state, while new businesses in Russia were "headed mostly by Jews, and a lot of the population understand that most of the money in these banks or structures are dirty money."

Questioned about his ethnic origins, he replied: "Many people say that one of my parents is a Jew. I am not aware of that. My parents are both Russians. If you find me a Jewish parent I would be happy to embrace him, to kiss him, but unfortunately all my relatives are Russians."

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The mannish look is definitely 'in' this season; here, a slim-lined, double-breasted suit from Max Mara's collection.

## This approach suits her: Assertive yet feminine

FLAIR  
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**B**E it daytime or nighttime, a casual or formal event, chances are that most of the women present will be decked out in mannish suits. Two- and three-piece single- and double-breasted versions in pinstripes, tweeds, checks and solids are fast becoming the woman's winter uniform.

A woman dressed in a mannish suit tends to exude more assertiveness, but not necessarily at the expense of her femininity. The suit can often be downright sexy and in some ways more provocative than the skimpiest, body-bugging dress.

Almost every ladies' wear collection features mannish suits. Some focus only on the velvet tuxedo, which has become a must for evening wear; others give more

priority to suits than to any other category of clothing.

Even where skirts are substituted for pants, the jacket and vest are definitively male inspired.

The male influence also permeates blazers and knitwear, most visible in the Max Mara collection. Mondri goes one step further, borrowing from military and naval cadets, in nostalgic Seventies-style gold button suits which look just as good the second time around.

Some designers are softening the hard male edge by teaming the suits with romantic blouses lavishly adorned with lace edging and ruffles.

Women have long proved capable of filling men's shoes. Now they're proving exactly who wears the pants.

### OFF THE SHELF

MARTHA MEISELS

**R**EAL American-style, 100 percent beef hamburgers, without any additives, should be a major attraction at the Hypershuk chain's International Meat Festival throughout this month and next. The festival features imported kosher meats from the U.S., Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Ireland and Holland. The national flags printed on the labels tell you what's from where.

The frozen hamburgers carry the phrase "US Meat - The Big Taste" plus the words "American Burger" in smaller print.

There are three generous, 150-gram burgers in a package which sells for NIS 12.90. The high-quality beef itself was imported already kashered from the US for sale to the hotel trade. Hypershuk bought some of it and arranged to have it ground and shaped by a major local meat-processing firm for sale as hamburgers under Hypershuk's own house label.

The proof of the burger, of course, is in the eating. In my finicky household, the Hypershuk hamburgers passed the taste test with flying colors - red, white and blue. Normally, I have to grind my own hamburger meat (from the cheap frozen beef, No. 4, which is central shoulder) as I've never before found an acceptable commercial brand. They're either too fatty or too salty or taste too much like Middle Eastern kebab.

The Hypershuk hamburger is surprisingly nonsalty for meat which has been kashered (soaked and salted). In fact, some people may want to salt it a bit. I simply grilled it, and we smothered the burgers in onions, ketchup and relishes in American-style hamburger buns from Jerusalem's Angel's bakery.

Apart from the hamburger, there are two types of beef for roasting with the "US Meat" label at Hypershuk. These come in chunks of two kilos or more, at NIS 29.90 per kilo. I haven't tried them.

My household was less enthusiastic about the milk-fed veal from Holland. In addition to being kashered, the veal has had water containing phosphates injected into it. The Health Ministry allows this, as long as the water content does not exceed 10 percent of the weight. I asked the meat-and-frozen-foods manager of Hypershuk, Nahman Plotniksky, why phosphates are used. He claims this is done to improve the color and texture of the veal. It arrives from Holland in large chunks, and "doesn't look appetizing" after it

has been kashered and cut up. Another purpose of phosphates in meat is to tenderize it, which should not be necessary with young, milk-fed veal.

My family found the veal steaks (NIS 37.90 a kilo) much too salty, somewhat chemical tasting, and quite fatty. The milk-fed veal is priced from NIS 24.90, depending on the cut. There are also veal hot dogs and smoked veal. The veal line is labeled "Euromeat" and carries the red-white-blue flag of Holland.

During the festival, Hypershuk will also offer the special discount price of NIS 9.99 per kilo on No. 2 frozen chickens, some cuts of frozen imported beef, and various processed meat products, including kebab. A special attraction to those planning a traditional Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner will be the whole fresh turkey at NIS 9.99 per kilo. If the customer prefers it cut up into pieces, the Hypershuk butchers will oblige at no extra charge.

South American rib steaks with bone, weighing 250-350 gr. per portion, are selling for NIS 29.90 per kilo. The steaks have been kashered.

The meat festival began this week at all 28 Hypershuk branches. The event is part of the chain's continuing effort to upgrade its merchandise and its image since changing ownership from Tnuva to a private company in which Clal has a controlling interest.

**IF YOU** want a fast-food flavor on your hamburgers at home, try the Burger Ranch chain's original Barbecue Sauce. It is sold bottled, but only at the chain itself, for NIS 5.50. The bottle contains 320 grams, and carries kashrut certification. On the market since mid-summer, it has already become a favorite in our household.

Burger Ranch's Thousand Island salad dressing is also sold in take-home bottles, at the same price.

**IN OUR** household, halva is a favorite wintertime dessert after a meat meal. For years, I've been looking for a good chocolate-flavored halva.

The problem has been solved more than satisfactorily by Hashabar, which is marketing a new product called "halva with chocolate spread." It is made by combining two of its existing products: plain halva and chocolate spread. Hashabar's chocolate halva comes in a 100-gram bar at NIS 1.90. A multipack of eight bars for NIS 14.75, a half-kilo slab for NIS 7.90, and a half kilo in a plastic box for NIS 8.40. It is also sold by weight.

The halva has the kashrut seal of the Haifa Rabbinate plus the "badatz" approval of the Belz hasidic community.

**YOU CAN** have your dessert cups and eat them too. Oppenheimer is producing liqueur goblets and dessert cups made of bittersweet

chocolate with a "kasher parve" endorsement of the Jerusalem Rabbinate.

These "Chocolate Cups for Gourmet Dessert" can be filled with mousse, fruit or whatever else you choose. There are eight unfilled cups (79 calories each) per package. The tiny chocolate liqueur goblets are trimmed with gold-colored aluminum foil, and come 14 per package.

A package of either shape retails for NIS 9.80.

**POLITICS HAS** Peace Now. Gastronomy has Soup Now.

In Hebrew, that's "Marak Ah-shav," and it's Vita's new line of instant soups in seven flavors. The most original is carrot soup with croutons. The soups contain no monosodium glutamate and no food colorings.

Soup Now comes in a box with four individual portions, NIS 5.55, or a three-portion packet at NIS 3.75. There is some English on the package, but the catchy brandname "Marak Ah-shav" appears in Hebrew only.

**TELMA'S LATEST** answer is an instant soup called "Namek Bakos Ve'od" ("More than a cup of soup"), and there are five flavors. They contain both noodles and croutons.

This filling wintertime soup comes as a box of three individual-portion packets, at NIS 5.45.

**MY FAVORITE** new dairy prod-

uct is Tnuva's "Sheli," which claims to have the refreshing quality of "leben." The texture of yogurt and the taste of sour cream.

You may notice that Sheli has the same 4.5 percent fat content as the veteran Tnuva sour-milk product Eshel (the name Sheli is a play on the word "eshel"). A 200-gram plastic cup of Sheli retails for NIS 1.21.

Later on, there is to be a 3 percent Sheli.

**A SHORT** time ago, consumer products from Morocco would have seemed impossible. A few months from now, they will probably not raise an eyebrow.

One of the first firms to tap this new source market is Marina, which is offering flat filelets of anchovies, produced for its own brandname, by Les Conservees d'Oujda, at Oujda, Morocco.

The box bears the highly respected O-U kashrut symbol of the American mainstream Orthodox. A 56-gram can retails for NIS 4.60.

These are real anchovies, whereas most so-called anchovies here are marked "anchovy sardines." In appearance or taste, the differences are slight. The genuine anchovies seem smaller and thinner than the anchovy sardines.

The Co-op Tzafon chain in the North held an entire festival of kosher Moroccan foods in the spring of '93, and there are still some Moroccan sardines and olives available at its branches.

## Smash! Crash! Collisions can give you the bends

**A**N enormous traffic jam in central Tel Aviv last week was caused, as they often are, by an accident.

Two cars involved in a mild fender bender stood motionless for over an hour, blocking a main artery.

Neither driver was prepared to move his car a centimeter until police arrived, even though neither was injured.

Neither moved, neither was injured, both were wrong. The police have to be called only if someone is hurt.

Fender benders are problematic in another respect. Often, the amount of damage does not exceed the deductible (*hishtafut atzmit*) that driver would have to pay if he were to make a claim. Notifying the insurance company is not worthwhile.

In any comprehensive policy there are two deductibles: for damage to your car and for damage to another (*tsad gimel*, third party).

Deductible amounts, incidentally, are higher here than in Western countries. They're even

higher if the driver is under 25. But they are no higher if the driver has had a slew of accidents.

There is no equivalent of a "no-claim" or "safe-driver" bonus: here you get the same deductible if you claim once every 20 years or 20 times a year.

This leads to rackets whereby the assessor, in collaboration with the garage, boosts the bill for a NIS 400 accident to NIS 4,000.

The driver can claim the insurance, the garage gets a higher fee for less work and the insurance companies' cartel can claim higher premiums from the government because their expenses are higher. Those who suffer are the drivers who never claim.

Back to fender benders. Stop and verify that no one is hurt. Ask the other driver for his name, address and telephone number.

Also, note his car registration number and details of his comprehensive insurance, if available. Don't give the other driver any more than this information. Don't admit guilt under any circumstances. Don't even discuss the accident with him.

### MOTORING

JOEL GORDIN

Now, this is not always easy in Israel, where Mediterranean temperaments abound. The driver may shout, even curse. Keep cool and don't be provoked.

Get the names and telephone numbers of witnesses, although this is also not simple. Most bystanders don't want to "get involved." After all, who needs to waste a day in court?

Verify at a garage or body shop that the damage is less than the deductible amount in your insurance policy.

In the case of an accident where the guilt is hard to place, either pay up or wait till you get a bigger knock, when you may get everything fixed by an insurance claim. What if the other driver claims damages from you? If his claim is less than the deductible amount on the third-party clause in your policy, simply call his bluff. Refuse to pay. To get the money, he must take you to small claims

court. Chances are he will not bother, especially if he was driving a company car.

Getting to small claims court is a drawn-out, tedious process and the percentages in favor of winning a borderline case are not high. The judges dismiss more accident claims than they allow.

If he does go all the way to court, don't take any chances. Always tell the truth, because the amount in question is probably not worth getting slapped with a perjury charge, and small court claims judges watch carefully for lies.

What happens when you damage another car, even slightly, after committing a serious traffic violation, like running a red light? Firstly, you have a moral obligation to pay the other driver's repair bill. If morals don't interest you, consider this: if the matter gets to small claims court, the judge will refer the matter to the police for prosecution.

If the collision was obviously the fault of the other driver and he refuses to pay your repairs, your only recourse is to the slow-turn-

ing wheel of justice, via small claims court.

It's a different ball game if anybody was even slightly injured in the crash. The injured party must be taken immediately to a hospital and obtain an accident report. Neither vehicle can be moved until police arrive at the scene and take statements.

Then, both parties must go to the police traffic department in their area and make further statements to investigators. Police decide whether to prosecute.

I made such a journey to the Tel Aviv traffic department in Jaffa. It was not a pleasant experience. The wait and the questioning took five hours, all over a sprained hand.

In case of injury, compulsory insurance covers the entire bill for treatment.

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## Earthquake in Washington

**M**IDTERM elections in the US may be mostly local affairs, but this Tuesday's results will have inestimable global impact. The drastic change in the composition of Congress, the precipitous decline in the president's standing, and doubts about the administration's ability to get along with the legislative branch will affect stock markets, political alliances, and policy decisions around the world.

Israel, too, will feel the tremors of this electoral earthquake. True, the administration will undoubtedly remain friendly. The election results are not likely to change President Bill Clinton, considered both on a personal and political level one of the most loyal and devoted friends Israel has ever had.

But American foreign policy is not dictated by presidential proclivities alone. On the solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, there is little difference in essence, if not in style, between the policies of the friendly Clinton administration and those of the far less congenial Bush administration.

The fact is that Washington, under both Democrats and Republicans, has wanted Israel to return to the Green Line ever since 1968. That the relationship is now warmer than ever has more to do with Jerusalem's acquiescence in this wish than with an American change of heart.

But while the general policy parameters have remained constant, there have been differences in tactics and attitudes. These have been affected not merely by the president's personal preferences, but by various pressures on policy shapers. And it is these pressures which will now change.

Clinton's attitude on Israel has been shaped by supporters of the Peace Now ideology, most of whom are also left-wing Democratic Party activists. And since the Israeli government has adopted this ideology as its own, there was no room for conflict between Jerusalem and Washington. Moreover, the pro-Israel lobby AIPAC, headed by left-wing Democrat activist Steve Grossman, is also dominated by the same ideology.

This is only natural: AIPAC traditionally represents Israeli government views. And the lobby has been nothing if not consistent in eliminating from influential positions anyone who opposes current Israeli policy. The result has been that an organization which used to be ready to challenge American moves deemed unfavorable to Israel has be-

come a rubber stamp for the administration. Influenced by Israeli attitudes, it has even discouraged congressional measures aimed at supervising administration grants to the PLO.

All this was unexceptionable as long as Congress provided unquestioning support for the administration's policies. But with the Republicans taking control, such support will not be automatic. The committee heads in the Senate will be Republicans, whose faith in the promises of radical dictators is not quite as infinite as that of the administration's emissaries to Syria's dictator Hafez Assad. They may also not treat the opinions of AIPAC's leftist Democrats, whether they represent Israel or not, as unchallengeable gospel.

Not that the newly powerful figures in Congress consider themselves unfriendly to Israel. On the contrary. But they are not enthusiastic supporters of foreign aid, and many are sworn anti-interventionists who may find it difficult to favor stationing American troops in the Golan. Some of them, like Sen. Jesse Helms who will now head the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, are avowed foes of the PLO, which they consider a radical organization. They may find Israel's and AIPAC's enthusiasm for bolstering the organization distasteful.

Nor are the Republicans unaware of the message the voters have sent them: Domestic issues must come first. With the threat of the Soviet Union removed, Americans care little about intervening in remote countries. There can be no better proof of this than the inability of Clinton's recent successes in foreign affairs, and particularly his unequalled photo opportunities in the Middle East, to help any of the Democratic candidates.

It is precisely this kind of change in American mood which the plan to station American troops in the Golan ignores. Promoted by the government as a fitting substitute for the strategic Heights, it counts on the constancy of American foreign policy. But even the world's greatest, most powerful and stable democracy cannot be expected to be more preoccupied with Israel's destiny than with its own formidable challenges.

Perhaps this turning-inward of America will prove salutary for Israel. It may remind Jerusalem of the validity of the fundamental Zionist premise: Only Israel's own army can be entrusted with the nation's security.

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## Cover-up in high places

URI DAN  
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sonal pretrial letter to the judge.

Unaware that Ames was the one who had betrayed the agents in Russia, Weinberger wrote Pollard's judge saying that information supplied by Pollard had reached the KGB in Moscow, causing America great harm. The implication was that this leak had led to the agents' deaths. This angered the judge.

**Aldrich Ames and Jonathan Pollard are both convicted spies. But what a difference in retribution. Many consciences here and in the US ought to be uneasy**

Ames's plea-bargain was honored. The court also agreed not to press serious charges against his wife if he told everything he knew. No one died because of Pollard, a Jew who wanted to help Israel. And yet his plea bargain was ignored. The judge also overlooked the fact that Pollard had been working for a "friendly power" - never considered a very serious crime.

Yitzhak Shamir, Moshe Arens, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, all government leaders when Pollard was arrested, must surely be undergoing a trial of their collective conscience.

They didn't just abandon Pollard to his fate. They did far worse. They admitted that Israel had received highly valuable information from Pollard, particularly concerning Russian help in building up Syrian capability to launch a war against Israel.

Pollard had also revealed the rapid acquisition by Syria and Iraq of biological and chemical weapons. The Israelis promised to return every single document Pollard had sent to Jerusalem, documents they well knew were of vital importance to Israel.

Pollard's explanation of his actions was that, contrary to the US's agreement that it would share matters of interest to Israel, Weinberger had given specific instructions to keep Israel in the dark about such vital matters.

And Weinberger himself? Saved by president Bush from court action for his role in the arms to Iran scandal, he is now clearly aware that Pollard had nothing to do with the deaths of the Soviet

agents working for the US. He knows he falsely blackened Pollard's name, sending him to prison for the rest of his life, and knows too that Pollard's lawyers, who claimed that none of the information Pollard sent to Israel could possibly have been forwarded to the Soviet Union by Jerusalem, were telling the truth.

If Weinberger had a conscience, he would be disturbed by the fact that he was directly responsible for the false charge of high treason laid on Pollard. His conscience would be pricking him over the fact that Ames probably fingered Pollard as the man feeding Moscow, to divert attention from himself.

Surely a man of honor would speak out. Surely the directors of the CIA would also speak out.

And the Israeli leaders who so willingly sank Pollard?

Bowing and scraping to the American administration, they ignored the warnings by a senior Israeli government official that they were making a terrible mistake in returning Pollard's reports to the US. Without them, the US security services wouldn't have had enough evidence of Pollard's spying activities to send him to prison on a "serious charge." They condemned him by supplying the smoking gun.

The Israeli official suggested that the prime minister should remind the Americans that, under their own "activist" CIA chief William Casey in the 1980s, the US had been caught red-handed recruiting Israelis to sell him information. These included at least two army men. One of them, Yosef Amit, passed Casey important data.

Israel didn't make waves in Washington over this transgression. It was suggested that Washington treat the Pollard affair the same way.

So why should Shamir, Arens, Peres and Rabin feel conscience-stricken?

Because they ducked the issue. With one voice, they claimed to know nothing about Pollard. It was a "rogue affair," they said. They pointed the finger straight at the prime minister's intelligence adviser, Rafael Eitan.

This veteran and heroic Mossad operator, part of the team that organized the coup which led to Adolf Eichmann standing trial in Jerusalem, became the government's scapegoat.

And Jonathan Pollard became the Jewish scapegoat of Caspar Weinberger and the CIA.

The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East*.

## 'Better fathers earn less

MARIE COCCO

**T**HE catalogs stuffing the mailbox are a testament to many things about modern life - its frantic pace, its technological edge. They are symbols, too, of the wondrous adaptability of the consumer economy.

Once organized around homes with single breadwinners, the economy has come to worship the two-income family, with its urgent need to spend money as a substitute for spending time.

Why then, does business still find ways to punish the statistically attractive households that feed it?

Women continue to earn less than men in almost all trades and professions. And, it turns out, men with children whose wives work also pay a price: They earn less than men with stay-at-home wives.

New studies of professional men show that, even when researchers control for variables, men with traditional families still come out on top.

"A dual career family, in essence, takes a double hit," said Linda Stroh of Loyola University of Chicago. The woman doesn't earn as much as her husband would if she were he. The man doesn't earn what he would if she stayed home.

Stroh and her co-author, Jeanne Brett of Northwestern University, found that over five years, traditional fathers at Fortune 500 companies got raises 20 percent greater than fathers with working wives.

## Lip service to equality isn't balancing the books

In another study, a pay gap of 25 percent was found - amounting to more than \$24,000 annually.

The only difference between the two groups was that the men with stay-at-home wives worked an average of about two hours a week longer than those whose wives worked.

Nonetheless, said Brett, there are no data showing this 4 percent time gap accounts for the 20 percent pay gap.

"There is no evidence that they're doing less work," said Brett of the fathers with working wives. Perhaps, she says, they are simply not schmoozing at the office so much - not putting in the "face time" the corporate culture equates with commitment.

WE LIVE in the age of the family friendly human-resources department, called "personnel" before workers were considered human. There is flex time and job-sharing and, in some companies, benefit "menus" from which employees purchase only those benefits they need most.

All this turns out to be window dressing to hide the unflinching bottom line: Business bestows its greatest rewards on those families that look like they used to, the ones where men and women have made the same choice the top executives did a generation ago.

The researchers tried to explain away the pay disparity, and failed. It isn't that the men who earn more have wives who choose to stay home because the "extra money" isn't needed. All the executives studied had high incomes, sometimes as much as \$100,000.

"Their wives were not working to put bread on the table," said Brett.

Certainly, then, men who are more career-oriented must choose wives more likely to play supportive roles at home. Not really, the research shows. All the men studied were career-oriented "high fliers" who had relocated for their jobs.

It turns out there really are white men who can legitimately claim discrimination. How did they bring this on themselves?

Perhaps they spend more time at household tasks than those whose stay-at-home wives shoulder the sole responsibility for children and chores. Perhaps they're trying to be better fathers than their own dads were.

If they read that market analysis on the couch instead of at the desk, why should it matter? They're trying to bring to their families something more than a paycheck.

Their punishment is economic emasculation. You're acting like a woman, their companies tell them. So we'll pay you like one.

(Newsday)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### "SHABBAT SHALOM"

Sir, - On occasion, I read Shlomo Riskin's *Shabbat Shalom* column. I find his discussion of the week's portion of the Torah interesting, including his extrapolations for modern life, whether I agree with them or not. It provides me with a view of another world, other kinds of ideas, that I otherwise would never get.

However, sometimes it seems that the "other world" he presents is so remote from the one I live in, that I can only assume that he got caught in a time-war at the turn of the century. His October 28 column on "Abraham's gift: a universal vision" is only an example of what I am referring to.

In the context of Sarah's death and Abraham's alleged realization that he has reached a crossroads, Rabbi Riskin states: "as long as a person does not define and limit his responsibilities, he'll consider all kinds of ideas," as though it were the 11th commandment forbidding the consideration of "all kinds of ideas" before defining and limiting one's responsibilities, as though there were certain kinds of ideas that shouldn't be considered.

There is nothing wrong with defining and limiting one's responsibilities, so as not to spread oneself too thin and chance not being responsible at all, but to suggest that one do so without considering all possibilities, i.e., all kinds of ideas, is to make a sham of "defining and limiting" by being close-minded, and to make a mockery of responsibility. Is he so afraid, and does he think so little, of the abilities of the common man, even the common religious man, to come to an informed decision on his own, that he would deny him access to all kinds of ideas?

Then, in the context of Abraham's instructions of choosing Isaac's wife, Rabbi Riskin states: "If a person wants to die as a Jew, he must live as a Jew, and if he wants to live as a Jew, he must marry a Jew," as though it were all 10 commandments rolled into one, inferring that, if you don't marry a Jew, then you are not a Jew (as one who doesn't marry a Jew, can't live as a Jew, can hardly be considered a Jew). Is restricting the tracing of the blood line through the mother not sufficient? Is he so obsessed with preserving the purity of the race that he would deny access to all the multitudes who do not meet his definition, i.e., all children of Jewish mothers who were married to non-Jews, or to the children of Jewish mothers who married non-Jews?

Does he consider the Law of Return, which is the law of the land the last I heard, as just one of those kinds of ideas that should not be considered in determining one's responsibilities? If so, why doesn't he just say so, to make it crystal clear "where he is coming from" - a Polish *shred* at the turn of the century?

DR. ABRAHAM BARZILAI  
Tel Aviv.

### SHULAMIT ADLER

Sir, - On October 27, you printed an interesting but inaccurate letter from Ben Aryeh - "Shulamit Aloni's past." I too remember Miss Adler - probably much more accurately than Ben Aryeh, for I was the assistant headmaster, not a juvenile. She was, at the time, a research student in London, praised for her expertise in Hebrew language and literature. She came to Brighton to give a few lessons to those senior sabras whose language standards were high enough for them to derive profit. Her responsibilities were confined to these boys, and she was far too conscientious to exceed her duties. At the time, other members of staff, including Jacob Halevy - a much-respected scholar - were responsible for morning prayers, Sabbath services, Festival observances etc., and Mrs. Adler made certain all food was kosher.

ELDON SMITH  
Carmarthen, Wales.

### JEWISH BRITISH DEFENSE MINISTER

Sir, - On October 20, Gerry Lewis, in his report from London on the 1 p.m. radio news broadcast in English, stated that Malcolm Rifkind was the first Jewish British defense minister. This is not correct.

The first British Jewish defense minister was the late Manny Shinwell, a member of the Labor government after World War II.

JULIUS COLLINS  
Jerusalem.

### ROYAL VISIT

Sir, - I was privileged to represent the Board of Deputies of British Jews and several other Jewish organizations at the Duke of Edinburgh's mother, The Duke spoke very movingly at the ceremony in the presence of a broad spectrum of Israeli society.

However, I was astonished, as were others, that neither Mayor Ehud Olmert nor his representative was present.

SIR SIGMUND STERNBERG  
London.

### GHETTO SPIRIT

Sir, - As they ran down the gangplanks of the Aliya Bet ships, they were handed rifles. When they jumped off the boats into the frigid waters of Haifa harbor and the men and women of the Hagana embraced them, they ran off to fight.

They came from the camps of Europe and Cyprus to build a country where Jews could live and worship at their holy sites such as the Western Wall, Hebron and Jericho.

They fought and gave their lives to hold on to a land given to them by God. Their spirit was the spirit of heroes!

Today Hebron and Jericho are gone and that spirit is gone with them!

Those heroes must look at us with pity - with disgust. This has become a country of wimps. We belong back in the ghetto of Europe, for our spirit today, if we have any, is the spirit of the ghetto people!

GUS GREENBERG  
Kiryat Bialik.

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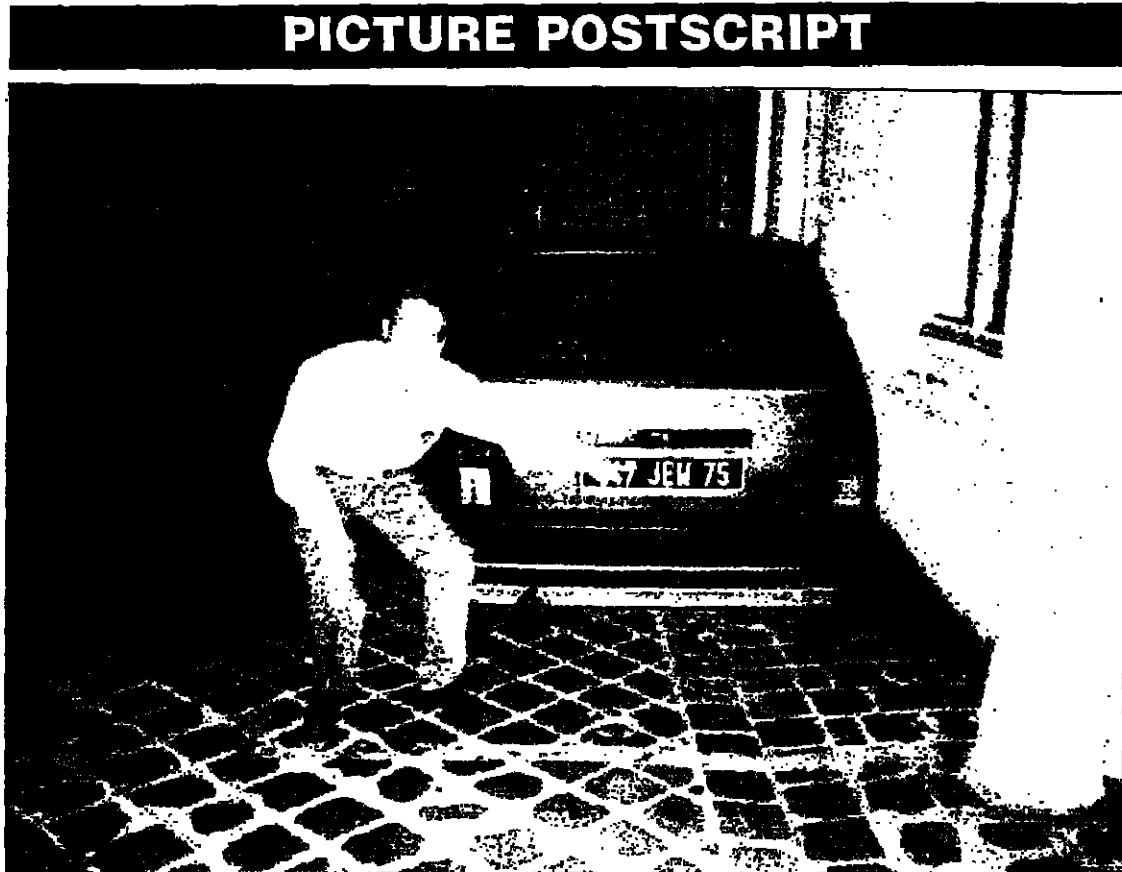
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Maybe Woody Allen was right and every Gentile really does have the world 'Jew' on the tip of his tongue. Jerusalemite Sam Lebovic (pictured) was taking an innocent stroll in Paris when this license plate accosted him.

(Sam Lebovic)



# The man I love is still married, for convenience

DEAR RUTHIE

RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, I am a 40-year-old divorcee with two children. Eight months ago I started going out with a married man. He and his wife have a marriage in name only, staying together for the sake of the children.

His kids (now 20, 18 and 15) know their parents are together for convenience. Therefore, he has no problem spending lots of time with me.

Because of his position at work, however, he does not want to be out in public with me. Feeling frustrated about not being able to call him at home, go out with him in public, or have him all night, I finally broke up with him.

I know he truly loves me, but he has not begged me to return and I know he never would. I am miserable. What should I do?

In Pain and Pining  
Jerusalem

Dear Pining,

Perhaps his love is real. But his integrity needs examination.

If his children are aware of the situation, your lover's claim to be staying with his wife for her sake is shaky. If his wife and he really have such an agreement, why can't you phone him? Why can't he spend the night?

You were right to break up with him. You had no future with him anyway, especially considering that he would not try to get you back.

This man must learn to make choices. So far, the only choice he has made has been to stay married. And don't bet on it being a marriage "in name only."

Dear Ruthie,

My 18-year-old daughter was badly hurt by her boyfriend when he broke up with her a couple of months ago.

The problem is that I, too, was devastated. I even cried myself to sleep for several nights at first. I can't stand to see her suffer. I don't

know how to help either of us. Messed-Up Mom  
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Mom in a Mess, Over-identifying with your daughter does her no good. As a parent, you cannot prevent your child from experiencing pain. In attempting to appropriate her unhappiness, you will succeed only in exacerbating it.

To help your daughter, you must be empathic and comforting. She will get no solace in seeing you devastated. As someone who has lived many more years than she, you should be conveying the message that even heartache heals. If you are unable to do so, you must seek professional counseling.

Dear Ruthie,

I've had a driver's license for years, but haven't driven in five.

The reason: I'm afraid. I never really got used to driving, since my husband always had the use of the car. Also, he used to make me nervous every time he was next to me while I drove. So I just gave up altogether. I would like very much to overcome my anxiety. How can I get practice, though, when my husband brings out all my insecurities?

Driven to Walk  
Ramat Hasharon

Dear Driven,

Take a few lessons with a driving instructor. Then, whenever your car is available, take a friend with you for confidence. Don't let your husband get nearer than the curb. When out alone the first few times, go somewhere familiar and not too far away. Once you feel secure, you can allow your spouse reentry into your auto arena, as long as he doesn't drive you crazy.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

## Memsi all set to serve Jordan-bound drivers

TRAVEL TIPS

HAIM SHAPIRO

MEMSI, the Israel Automobile Association, plans to open an office at the northern border crossing with Jordan at the Sheikh Hussein Bridge.

Drivers crossing the border can get international licenses, have their car registration translated, and buy insurance. Maps and travel guides will also be on sale.

Negotiations are under way for the opening of an office at the Arava border crossing; and the Transport Ministry has asked Memsi to open similar offices at the Erez checkpoint and at Vered Yericho to supply services to residents of the autonomous areas.

THE GORDON Inn, a 23-room popularly priced guest house, has opened at the corner of Rehov Gordon and Rehov Ben-Yehuda in Tel Aviv.

The rooms are spotlessly clean and spartan in decor. Prices, including breakfast, range from \$14 for a bed in a room with four or five beds to \$34 for a single room with bath.

FOR DESERT touring, Desert Shade of Mitze Ramon offers a full range of activities, accommodations and meals. Sleeping facilities in a "Bedouin-style" wooden hut are available (including breakfast) for \$13 for adults, \$11 for children.

A two- to three-hour Land-Rover tour of the Ramon Crater costs \$18 for adults, \$15 for children. The center also offers camel safaris, mountain biking, ATV rides, rappelling and hikes. A desert barbecue costs \$12 for adults, \$11 for children. The company may be reached at Mitze Ramon, tel. 07-586229, Eilat, tel. 07-335377, or Tel Aviv, tel. 03-5756885.

A FOUR-NIGHT package to Antalya costing \$168 per person is being offered by Yossi Tours of Tel Aviv. Accommodation is in

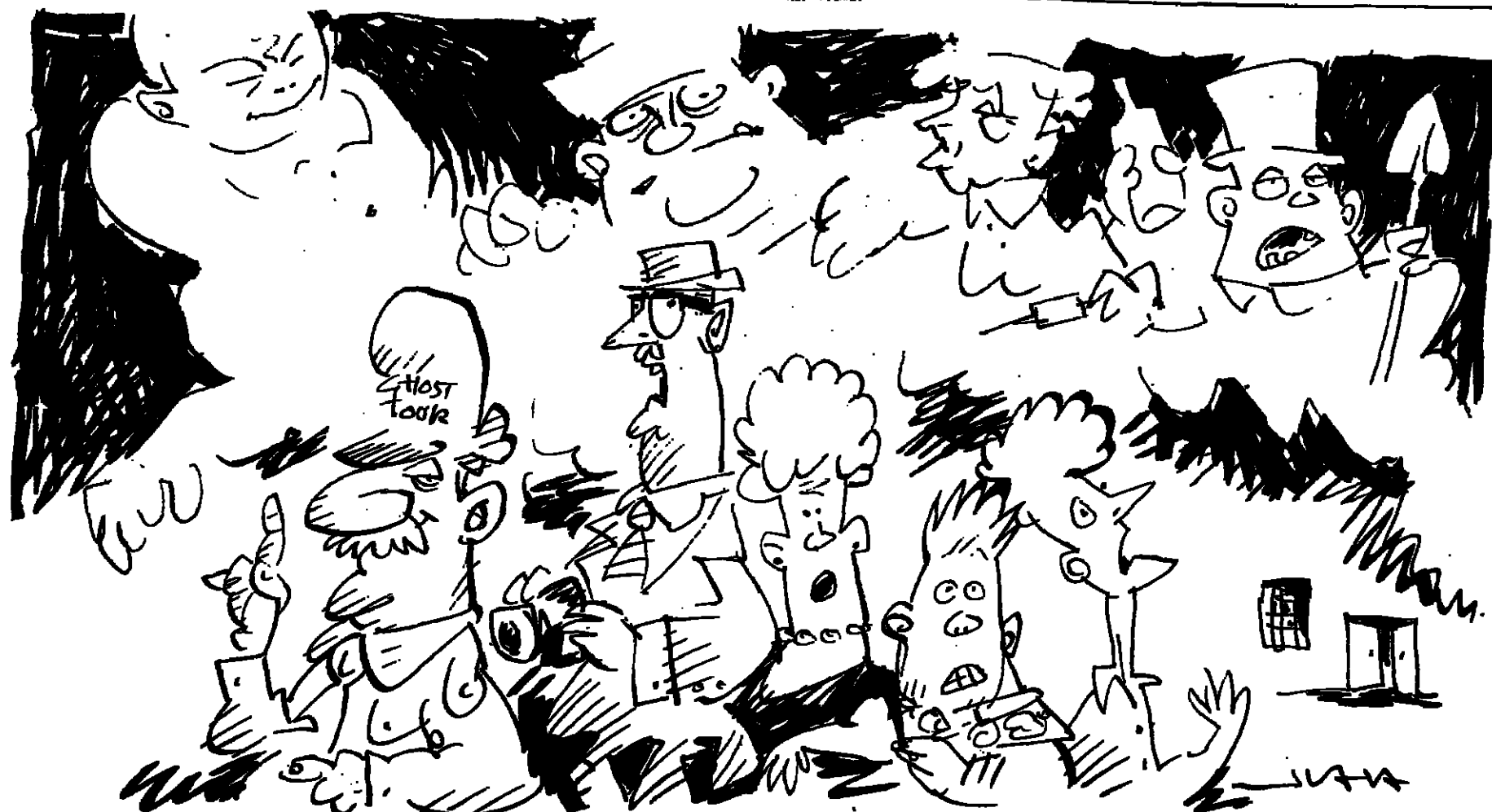
the resort town of Side in the luxury Grand Paradise Hotel, which has a casino and an indoor swimming pool.

RIMON TOURS is offering a series of winter tours to Thailand. Prices range from \$1,139 for an eight-night visit to Bangkok and Pattaya to \$1,738 for an 11-night tour which includes the Golden Triangle. Prices include round-trip airfare and internal flights.

JET LINE has package visits to London starting at \$375 for three nights, including flight and hotel with continental breakfast. The price of a six-night package starts at \$440.

AT THE other end of the price scale, Unitours and Thomas Cook are offering a 35-day round-the-world tour in an all-first-class DC-8, which will accompany the travelers throughout their journey.

The tour, which is to begin on April 6, will leave from London with a maximum of 100 participants. Stops include Egypt, India, Thailand, Singapore, Australia, Fiji, Easter Island and South America. The price is \$24,000 per person.



## Ghoulish tales lure tourists to Sydney

TRAVEL

JASON SZEP

A eerie whistling noise filled the night air, vibrating through lonely cabins on one of the most desolate headlands in Sydney Harbor.

A pale yellow light from a solitary street lamp suddenly died, plunging the stark cabins where a startled young woman was finishing work into complete darkness.

The woman stepped outside. The whistling rose and fell like a low howl. Shaken, the 26-year-old scurried for her car.

She released the hand brake and shifted the car into gear. The wheels spun, kicking up dirt, but the car remained still. Again Belinda Elliot tried and then again.

In her panic, she feared what scores of others around these isolated cabins have sensed for years - ghosts.

"I finally said 'Let me out of here' and it was like an invisible hand let go of the car so I could reverse," she said.

The somber cabins where Elliot was working that evening are on the sprawling grounds of Sydney's Quarantine Station, a relic from Australia's convict days and site of some 400 immigrant deaths between the early 19th century and 1984 when it closed.

The station has been the source of some of Sydney's darkest ghost stories, tales which defy reason and range from the mere sound of

tapping footsteps in empty rooms to grisly visions of women screaming in pain and violently kicking hospital beds.

But now tourists are lining up to hear the morbid tales and chance a glimpse of a disgruntled poltergeist during three-hour night tours of the station.

The candlelit tours began three years ago but have grown so popular that those yearning for ghoulish adventure must now book their AS15 (US\$11) tickets more than a month in advance.

The Quarantine Station, located in a remote area of Spring Cove inside Sydney Harbor's north head, was hastily set up in 1828 as the city's main defense against imported diseases, often rife on the long, arduous ocean voyages from Europe to Australia.

Many immigrants and convicts endured months at sea in packed ships only to reach their destination riddled with smallpox, typhoid fever, plague, cholera, measles or influenza. There was only one place for them in Sydney - the Quarantine Station.

The station - a maze of hospital rooms, cabins and chambers where bundles of luggage and peo-

ple were systematically disinfected, and a morgue - has been preserved as a historical site by the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service.

ALONG WITH sweeping the dust off the station and conducting archeological digs and tours of the grounds, the National Parks and Wildlife Service has a more chilling task.

It keeps a log book of the supernatural.

There is the ghost of a Chinese man seen loitering around the veranda of a third-class cabin, a sailor in one of the isolation rooms, and the old nurse dressed all in gray who wanders through the ward tidying beds.

There is the gravedigger from nearby Manly Beach who was paid in rum and would sing drunken ballads from his cabin before digging graves. He ended his life one night by throwing himself off a cliff, but his singing has been heard since.

Other unexplained phenomena include: steel doors suddenly banging in a shower room, all the hospital beds mysteriously pushed up against one wall or piled into a

corner, the occasional shove from behind while walking along the hospital's veranda, keys hung on hooks at night found in a teacup the next morning.

If the late evening tour fails to quench your appetite for a good haunting, or conjure up enough apparitions for your liking, why not stay the night?

The National Parks and Wildlife Service can arrange a group sleeperover in the hospital ward.

On one such sleeperover, so the story goes, a woman awoke to find a faint figure pinning her arms down. The startled woman tried to scream but could not speak. Fearfully she mouthed "Let me go" three times and the figure freed her arms and vanished.

Some visitors leave swearing they have encountered the supernatural. Many are simply hushed by the old rooms and narrow footpaths where immigrants of mostly European descent took their first steps as Australians, and some their last.

In its earliest days, convicts with smallpox were forced into Spring Cove, where they cleared bush, built the current buildings of the station and in many cases died.

The station began its dark legacy in earnest in 1837 when the Irish ship *Lady McNaughton* arrived in Sydney. Fifty of its passengers had died on the voyage from scarlet fever and a further 13 passed away at the station, buried in makeshift graves.

An outbreak of smallpox in 1881 and influenza in 1918 kept the death toll rising in the cove. It is the wretched ghosts of these early Australians that many say still roam the grounds of Quarantine Station.

But station staff, all members of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, claim there are no props on their ghost tours.

Ted Haslehurst was a skeptic when he began work at the station last year as tour manager. A staff sleeperover one night in the hospital, however, changed his view.

He woke up at around 3 a.m. to the sound of a tea trolley winding through the room.

"I couldn't see anything but I certainly heard something," he said. At breakfast the next morning, three others on his staff reported the same sound at around the same time.

"When I started here I went along with the stories because they were a bit of fun," he said. "But that trolley incident made me think that there was something out there." (Reuters)

## Surgeon afraid of knives seeks solace in the zoo

BOOKS

RON CARLSON

THE ZOO WHERE YOU'RE FED TO GOD, by Michael Ventura. Simon & Schuster. 255 pp. \$21.

"NERVOUS breakdown" is a term famous and useful for its imprecision; it encompasses a multitude of maladies, some slight, some grim. It can be a weekly problem brought on by the laundry or an extended season of mental anguish brought on by forces never fully understood.

In Michael Ventura's engaging new novel, *The Zoo Where You're Fed to God*, he explores something closer to the latter, but with idiosyncratic permutations that make it at times feel like a clinical ailment that might have a five-syllable name and at times like an intense visionary madness.

At the heart of the book is James Abbey, a 50-year-old surgeon, who has come into a dark time in his life. Ventura's choice here, of a doctor incapable of healing himself, a stoic pragmatist, who begins confronting impractical vexations, is a significant part of the novel's depth. As the good doctor moves through the

many passages of his dread, he understands fully the physiological responses in his every activity, but not what is really happening.

As the novel opens he's living alone in the Echo Park section of Los Angeles, separated from his wife, Elizabeth, and Eddie, his 11-year-old son. His divorce is explained as having resulted from the doctor's "sensitivities" - another euphemism for his "condition" - and the first paragraph sets out his paradox:

"He became a surgeon because he was afraid of knives. He got married because he was afraid of women. He had a child because he was afraid of responsibility. Now, his marriage over and his child no longer speaking to him, he turned off the lights in the house because he was afraid of the dark."

THE BOOK locks on and sustains an intense interior tone, almost all of it from inside the doctor's mind. He dwells on things, words, rotating them slowly like objects removed during surgery, scrutinizing, wondering, evaluating.

It is a highly effective point of view because Ventura stays uncannily close. It gains credibility

simply because the doctor sounds not like a character in a book but like a free agent trying to think his way to a foothold.

Even when Dr. Abbey goes to the zoo and begins hearing voices, instructions from his dear tigers, the kind of beat that has unmoored other narratives, we stay in, because the thinking is neither grand nor deft, but true and painful.

The plot that is the skeleton of linked events in this cerebral book involves the doctor's estrangement from his son, a child who is written with a delicacy and accuracy that makes him matter. At 11 he knows everything and nothing by turns, but he is aware of his emotional life and his place between these two confused adults.

A standout player in this drama is the therapist, Dr. Benjamin, who breaks the stereotype with more panache and verve than

we've seen for a while; he takes over his sections of the book and even his last phone message is a treasure. What a pleasure to encounter a secondary player in a novel who has enough heat to create a place and amplify everyone else.

At the zoo, in the midst of his descent, as confused and consumed as he's been, the doctor meets - and this may be the right term here - a kindred spirit, the equally intense Lee, a woman about 22 or 23, who has some troubles of her own.

She kind of knows what's going on with him, she loves things deeply too, and they form, no surprise, a stunning kinship that becomes - in a surprising way - key to the novel.

Their dialogue about what's going on and what's OK is the deep center of this book; they meet on a wavelength that feels dangerous and fragile and what they make of it and take from it opens the ending of this story.

A novel like this can be frustrating as it ventures onto the thin ice

of the abstract ways the mind works. Are the doctor's troubles the result of his religious mother? Are his new revelations the result of the old? Is he just another modern man who has seen - through his knife - into the abyss? In the end here, its ambiguities don't harm the book.

At one point Lee tells the doctor, whom she calls "Doc": "There aren't any bad guys here, that's the trouble. That's why our stories aren't in the movies." And he responds, "As many bad guys as there are in the world, there still aren't enough to make life as simple as we want it to be."

This novel's greatest strength, in fact, results from Ventura's not being afraid of things without easy names, haunting things that insinuate themselves into real lives, complicated things.

The nervous doctor in this powerful book faces dread by connecting with the animal world and he begins to break down the membrane between terror and paradise.

(Los Angeles Times)

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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1994

## Dollar rises following Republican victory

LONDON (Reuters) - The dollar was up two pence on the day after the close of European trading yesterday after the Republicans' resounding victory in Tuesday's US mid-term elections.

"It's another reflection of the fact there is an inherent predisposition in the financial markets toward the right wing," said one currency analyst at a US bank.

Malcolm Barr, international economist at Chemical Bank in London, said the market had come up with other reasons for the dollar's gains. "First, we had such an unambiguous result it took uncertainty out of the market."

"Second, some have been suggesting the Republicans are going to be keener on deficit control than the Democrats, which is going to be good for the currency and bond market," Barr said.

But after the European close the

dollar began to retreat as Wall Street lost its early optimism and sank below Tuesday's close as doubts set in and selling began.

Last night, the dollar was at 1.5255 marks and 97.65 yen, compared with its earlier peak around 1.5290 marks and 97.80 yen. But the figures were still sharply up on the 1.5095 and 97.02 recorded in Europe late on Tuesday.

Clinton lost control of both the US Senate and House of Representatives, but the dollar did not suffer from fears that he might now find it far harder to govern.

"We could see a slightly firmer dollar as the market takes the view in the short term that even though there is gridlock it will result in Clinton having to shift more to the center, particularly in terms of his fiscal policy," said Gerard Lyons, chief economist at Japanese bank DKB International in London.

Barr said there was a final argument that the Republicans were likely to push for middle-class income tax cuts, leading the US Federal Reserve to raise interest rates faster than it was planning to counter this new threat to inflation.

US interest rates are widely expected to rise by at least half a percentage point when the policy-making US Federal Open Market Committee next meets on Tuesday.

David Brown, chief economist at Japanese bank Tokai Bank here, said the dollar's positive reaction to the result could be reversed once the market was reminded of what Clinton inherited after 12 years of Republican rule. "The legacy which led to a huge fiscal expansion [in the 1980s] will make the markets reconsider," he said.

## Agriculture Ministry takes steps to prevent smuggling from Gaza

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Agriculture Ministry plans to force farmers to mark the origin of fresh produce on packaging to prevent smuggling of fruits and vegetables from Gaza.

The ministry also reported that tomato prices have reached a new record high, as the wholesale price of the tomatoes increased to NIS 8.70 per kilo from NIS 7.50 per kilo last week.

The retail price of tomatoes has increased to an all-time record of between NIS 10 and NIS 11 per

kilo.

The ministry blames the sharp rise on the Health Ministry's decision to ban the import of fruits and vegetables from Gaza following the cholera outbreak there.

The weekend's stormy weather, which destroyed many dunams worth of fruits and vegetables, has also pushed up prices.

The ministry said it has started to examine ways to force farmers

and traders to mark fruit and vegetable packaging with the growers' name, origin, and description of produce.

The ministry said Palestinian farmers will mark their produce with a different label to that of Israeli farmers.

About 20,000 tons of agriculture produce from Gaza was imported into Israel during the last three months, of which tomatoes ac-

counted for 7,000 tons, representing 450 tons per week.

According to the ministry, importers are not taking full advantage of licenses issued to import 500 tons of tomatoes per week.

Since the start of the month, importers have imported less than 100 tons of tomatoes, while average consumption of tomatoes has reached about 2,000 tons per week. Agrexco recently received a license from the ministry to import tomatoes and apples.

## Closed out workers at Etz Hazait lock in management

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ETZ Hazait workers in Petah Tikva locked management in the factory for four hours and broke windows yesterday following the company's unexpected announcement to immediately close down the plant.

Management decided to close the factory based on the gradual decline in oil consumption and the opening of the local market to oil exports during the last few years.

Shemen Industries, Etz Hazait's parent company, said it will incur a net loss of NIS 3.7 million due to the closing of the edible oil manufacture factory.

The company plans to transfer Etz Hazait's operations to its oil factory in Haifa.

Management said the decision to close the factory is final, but it will enter negotiations with the workers on severance pay.

Etz Hazait workers committee secretary Amram Ohion said the workers were in shock.

"Some of the employees have worked here for 30 and even 40 years," Ohion said. "I think it is a very unpleasant surprise for all the workers. I know of one who was sent to the hospital after suffering from a heart attack this morning."

According to the workers committee, Etz Hazait lost about NIS 8 million this year but was profitable in previous years.

Shemen completed the third quarter with a net loss of NIS 1.13m, compared with a net profit of NIS 2.35m in the corresponding period last year.

The company reported a net profit of NIS 2.6m for the first nine months of the year, compared with NIS 7.7m in the first three quarters in 1993.

## Study: Shekel's real value consistently higher since '78

JOSE ROSENFELD

SINCE 1978, the local currency has consistently been revalued in real terms against foreign currencies, according to a Bank of Israel study released yesterday.

The study, authored by Bank of Israel director of research Liora Meridor and Shula Pesah, focuses on the real exchange rate as a key variable to analyze economic developments.

The authors note that during the 1960s and 1970s, there was a trend of real devaluations which was reversed in 1978. They explain the new pattern was the result of the increase in non-military government expenditures, the significant growth in the labor force, and the worsening external trade conditions, which have translated into greater

price rises of imports compared with exports.

Asked whether the government's policy to gradually expose the local market to imports have improved external trade conditions, Bank of Israel spokesman Ohad Bar-Efrat said the study did not look into this aspect.

He noted, however, that although the policy has led to lower import prices, it may have also helped to lower export prices by means of cheaper production inputs.

The study also finds that large one-time devaluations have a minor impact on the real exchange rate, which dissipate within a short time. This finding provides further ammunition to the central bank's arguments against devaluing the shekel.

## Sonol promises to enter intensive negotiations with workers

RACHEL NEIMAN

SONOL management will conduct intensive negotiations with the company's work committee, Solol general manager Aryeh Shachar said yesterday following a meeting with Histadrut representatives.

Shachar also promised that if negotiations continued after December 31, 1994, he would extend the terms of the current collective agreement until the talks were completed.

Two weeks ago the three oil companies announced they were revoking collective agreements and would only sign workers to personal contracts starting in 1995.

Meanwhile, Amos Bahir, Paz's head of human resources, said yesterday that if management caught either workers or committee representatives using Paz property - such as paper, stickers or computers - for the use of the workers committee, it would be considered as grounds for firing.

Baruch Zaltz, the chairman of the Histadrut's Haifa chapter who was named to conduct negotiations, said this action "proved that Paz's management is geared toward battle and not negotiations."

While Delek and Sonol must still honor two weeks of negotiations before declaring a strike action, as they declared a work dispute only this week, Haifa Histadrut spokesman Yosi Leibovitz said there was nothing preventing Paz from striking now.

However, Paz worker spokesman Adam Baruch said "we will not strike solo this time. At least, the oil sector people should be with us, if not the whole country."

In the meantime, he said "there are many actions we can take before we go on strike. We are well-prepared, as opposed to last time [referring to the Paz workers strike of 1993], and we learned from our mistakes."

## Ministries to get funds slated for Labor Party institutions

EVELYN GORDON

MONEY originally earmarked for three institutions affiliated with the Labor Party will instead be given to two ministries for allocation according to set criteria, the Treasury told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

However, opposition MKs charge that the change in the allocations' wording is merely a fiction, to enable them to pass the state comptroller's scrutiny.

Last week, the Treasury asked the committee to approve a transfer of NIS 2.5 million to Beit Hapalmah and NIS 2.85m. to Beit Yigal Alon and Beit Gili. After opposition MKs raised an outcry,

however, the Treasury revised its decision.

Now, the NIS 2.5m. will go to the Defense Ministry, and the NIS 2.85m. to the Education Ministry, both earmarked for "memorialization." The two ministries will then set criteria for allocating this money to various institutions.

"It's clear to us that [this money] will still be allocated to these three institutions," said Ariel Weinstein (Likud) in response. "This allocation is a farce. It returns the committee to the dark days of special allocations."

However, committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) rejected



Weinstein: The money will still be allocated to the institutions, a return to special allocations. (Yitzhak Elhanan/Scoop 80)

these accusations.

"If other institutions meet the criteria [set by the ministries], they will also receive funding," he said.

## 4th Dimension Software suffers \$6.6m. loss

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN

4TH Dimension Software has announced a third quarter loss of \$6.6 million, compared with a net gain of \$1.7m. last year.

Revenues for the quarter rose to \$7.9m., a new record for the company, from \$6.8m.

The company has experienced a net loss of \$11.14m. for the nine-month period ending September 30, as compared with a net gain of \$4.8m. in the same period last year.

Revenues for the three-quarter period went up to \$21m. from \$18.27m.

Industrial Buildings has announced a drop in third quarter net profits to NIS 10.1m. from NIS 23.7m. in the same period last year.

Revenues fell to NIS 26.6m. from NIS 27.1m.

Net profits for the first three quarters decreased to NIS 35.4m. from NIS 38.6m.

EdnaSoft educational software house reported a 18% rise in third quarter net profits to \$596,000 from \$503,000 in the same period last year.

Revenues rose to \$2.58m. from \$2.39m.

The increase in revenues was attributed mainly to increased sales to ministries of education in Latin America.

M-Systems Flash Disk Pioneers announced a third quarter loss of \$698,000, compared with a loss of \$801,000 for the same period last year.

Revenues went up to \$1.7m. from \$215,000.

The loss was primarily a result of continuing investment in research and development and in establishing an infrastructure to support growth at M-Systems and EUROM FlashWare Solutions.

Volcan car battery manufacturer has reported a drop in third quarter net profits to NIS 86,000 from NIS 326,000 in the same period last year.

The company reported a net loss of NIS 857,000 for the first nine months of the year, compared with a net gain of NIS 752,000 during the same period last year.

This was attributed to a decline in the value of company portfolio earlier this year.

## STATE OF ISRAEL Ministry of Health - Supply Services

Tender No. 61R/050/94

for  
ADULT DISPOSABLE INCONTINENCE PANTS  
CORRECTION

The following changes apply to the above tender, which was published on October 10, 1994.

The pants should comply with the Israel Standard Specification (MTI) and not the specification of the Fiber Institute.

Quotations should be submitted by December 4, 1994.

David Gabbay  
Director, Medical Supply

## MKs nix plan to force foreign firms winning state tenders to allocate 50% of work here

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Law Committee yesterday nixed a proposal allowing the government to force foreign companies who win government tenders to give 50 percent of the work to Israeli firms.

The committee, said the percentage was too high and asked the government to come back with a lower figure.

The committee also objected to a proposal allowing the government to prohibit state agencies from dealing with a particular country or company "for foreign policy reasons."

This proposal is aimed primarily at allowing the government to avoid giving business to countries or companies that comply with the

Arab boycott. However, the committee said the term "for foreign policy reasons" is too vague.

The committee did, however, approve most of the other changes the government wanted to make in the tender law.

One of these allows the government to make reciprocal purchasing or joint projects with Israeli businesses a requirement for foreign firms wishing to participate in government tenders.

The government can now give preference to Israeli-owned businesses in the territories, and the Defense Ministry preference to business located in areas of national priority.

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This notice is addressed to those who went to the offices of Beit Shemesh Municipality on November 7, 1994, and who placed their names on a list, which they themselves prepared, and which was submitted at 12 noon to the secretary of the Municipality (and of which a copy was found at the offices of the Administration). The Administration advises those whose names appear on this list, as follows:

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Japanese yen (100)	3.012	3.079	3.012	3.079	3.012
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Australian dollar	2.250	2.279	2.250	2.279	2.250
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Belgian franc (10)	0.813	0.827	0.813	0.827	0.813
Austrian schilling (10)	2.111	2.122	2.111	2.122	2.111
Italian Lira (1000)	1.503	1.512	1.503	1.512	1.503
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.22	4.49	4.22
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.57	1.02	0.57
Israeli sheqel	3.717	3.881	—	—	3.717
Indian rupee (100)	4.708	4.779	4.708	4.779	4.708
Spanish peseta (100)	2.815	2.847	2.815	2.847	2.815

\* These rates vary according to bank. \*\* Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI







## Mansdorf can't quite quit

ANTWERP (Reuters) - Amos Mansdorf overcame a 5-3 first-set advantage to beat Horst Skoff of Austria 7-6(9-7), 6-4 in the first round of the European Community Championships on Tuesday, postponing his retirement from professional tennis for at least another round.

The EC championship is Mansdorf's 234th event.

Mansdorf, 29, turned professional in 1983 and has won six tournaments. His highest career ranking was 18th in November 1987.

The 75th-ranked Mansdorf is scheduled to face second-seed Michael Stich today. Stich is vying for a spot in next week's World Championships in Frankfurt.

In other matches, World No. 1 Pete Sampras, who beat local hero Johan Van Herck 7-2, 6-4 Tuesday, will today face Richey Reneberg, who won an all-American battle against David Wheaton 7-6(7-1), 6-7(7-9), 6-1.

In yesterday's action, Stefan

Edberg kept his dream alive to qualify for next week's ATP Tour World Championship, rallying to beat Briton Jeremy Bates 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Wildcard Byron Black of Zimbabwe came from behind to beat veteran Ronald Agener of Haiti 5-

7, 6-1, 6-3.

Sampras, Goran Ivanisevic, Boris Becker, Sergi Bruguera, Andre Agassi and Michael Chang are already in the Frankfurt final. Stich, Edberg, Alberto Berasategui and Todd Martin are vying for the two remaining places.

## Amos's mates bid adieu

Stefan Edberg - We've had some great matches. Amos has been great for tennis and Israel. It's up to him to call it quits. I heard he's had problems with his back, but maybe after 10, 11 years, you just have enough of playing and traveling.

Javier Sanchez - How old is he? Only 29! It's too early to stop playing. I think it's going to be bad for Israeli tennis. I will remember him as a fine player and nice person.

Renzo Furlan - He's a very professional player. He knows tennis and has an intelligent game. He can adapt it to the different players he meets.

Cedric Pioline - It's a pity. He's been on the tour a while and it was fun to hang out with him. You can talk and joke with him.

Guy Forget - He's smart and a big fighter. We are the same age, so it's sad for me because it's another player from my generation that is retiring. Off the court, he's a funny person and is very down to earth.

Nicola Arzani

## Steinhauer leads Israel past Turks

JOEL GORDIN

THE national basketball team last night climbed back to the upper echelons of Europe with a convincing 83-71 over Turkey at Yad Eliyahu in a European Nations Championship contest.

Barring real surprises, Israel is now certain to make the finals next summer in Greece. Two teams in the four-nation pool will go up; and Spain and Israel are unlikely to be overtaken by Turkey and the Czech Republic. Israel's two remaining games - both on the road - are against the Czechs on Saturday night and Spain next Wednesday.

Israel went ahead at the start and kept the lead, despite a shaky defense and some sloppy turnovers. The Turks, also, could not seem to get into the game and they made even more errors, at least until the first time-out, with Israel ahead 14-8.

It was at this stage that Orhun Ene and Harun Erdenay started sniping from outside the circle, and it seemed as if both had telescopic sights fitted into their eyes.

They scored seven 3-pointers between them; and in four minutes, the visitors hit 22 to Israel's 10 to give them the lead at 30-24.

Israel coach Zvi Sherf perked up the defense

by replacing Doron Jamchee with Doron Shefer and Adi Gordon with Motti Daniel. The plan worked, helped by Ene's and Erdenay's lack of steam. Jamchee came back in place of the ineffectual Brad Leaf, and he and Daniel paid the Turks back with two red-hot 3-pointers apiece. Big Tomer Steinhauer also gave an example what was to come in the second half with some much-needed points and the Israelis went off at halftime ahead 40-37.

The second half belonged to Israel. They wore down their opponents by tenacious defense and patient, well-planned offensive moves.

The MVP was undoubtedly Steinhauer and not only because of his 21 points, seven more than any other Israeli. He effectively neutralized Tamer Oyguc, reputedly one of the best centers in Europe. Steinhauer played for the full 40 minutes and for most of the time, he single-handedly opposed the Turks who have three men over two-meters tall. He snatched eight rebounds and made sure the opponents, despite their height advantage, did not dominate under the boards.

Gordon was also good, sinking his 11 when they were most needed and tirelessly leading fastbreaks down the court.

Shefer, playing his first game in Israel for more than a year, did not disappoint. He sank only seven, but his eye for the game and his coolness under pressure was a major contribution to the win. He also played a big part in defending Ene during the half.

Jamchee scored 14 (including two 3-pointers) but his play was erratic and Sherf had him on the bench for at least half the game. Nadav Henefeld (11) was the only other Israeli to play the full 40 minutes and Sherf's faith in him was sometimes hard to understand. He missed many passes and even more shots from the foul line.

Motti Daniel (11) was the perfect sixth man, providing the extra spark when replacing a tired player. Leaf (7) was cold.

Local fans who have not had much to cheer about over the national team during the past few years, could get real satisfaction from a solid team effort with patches of brilliance, especially in the second half.

The best visiting scorers were Ene (24), Erdenay (17) and Omer Buyukaycan (11).

## English 'keeper accused of fixing games

LONDON (AP) - English soccer was rocked by scandal yesterday as former Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar was accused of taking bribes from a gambling syndicate to fix matches.

The Football Association ordered an immediate investigation into the charges against the 37-year-old Zimbabwean, who now plays for Southampton.

Grobbelaar, who canceled a trip home to Zimbabwe, denied the allegations and consulted with lawyers.

The newspaper claimed the goalkeeper accepted £40,000 from a Far East betting ring to throw a game last November between Liverpool and Newcastle. Liverpool lost the match 3-0. The betting ring was believed to have netted more than £3m from the result, the Sun said.

The newspaper claimed it had secretly filmed Grobbelaar admitting he threw the game.

The report alleged that Grobbelaar was offered an additional £175,000 to let in goals in other league matches, including last Saturday's game between Southampton and Manchester City. That match ended in a 3-3 draw.

The Sun said it had a video recording of Grobbelaar accepting money in an envelope.

"Clearly these are disturbing reports and there needs to be a very urgent and thorough investigation," FA chief executive Graham Kelly said.

Southampton director Lawrie McMenemy said the club supported Grobbelaar and would not take any disciplinary action against him while the inquiry was being held.

Liverpool's chief executive Peter Robinson said the club had promised "full cooperation" with the FA probe.

Grobbelaar canceled a flight to Zimbabwe Tuesday night when he was besieged by reporters at Gatwick airport. He was due to play for Zimbabwe against Zaire in an African Nations qualifying match on Sunday.

"I never tried to throw a game in my life," Grobbelaar was reported as saying when he was approached by Sun reporters.

The player was quoted as saying the accusations would probably "destroy me, my career, my marriage and my existence here."

Referee Gerald Ashby, who was in charge of the Newcastle-Liverpool game, said he was "absolutely amazed" by the allegations. "There was nothing in the game that raised any suspicions in my mind," he said. "There was nothing untoward that I can recall and I wasn't aware of anything that I would remotely consider as suspicious."

Grobbelaar has a reputation as one of the most colorful players in English soccer and is often referred to as a "clown prince."

He made his name with Liverpool, where he played in more than 400 games over 13 years and won league championships in 1982-84, '86 and '88. Grobbelaar also shared in League Cup triumphs over three consecutive years from 1982-84, collected FA Cup medals in 1986 and 1989 and was a European Cup winner in 1984. He transferred to Southampton in August.



UNDER FIRE - Goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar has been accused of throwing games while at Liverpool. (Reuters)

## Dumars ties 3-point mark in victory over Minnesota



NEW YORK (AP) - For the most part, Joe Dumars didn't venture within 22 feet of the basket against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Instead, he stayed outside the shortened 3-point arc and tossed up jumpers. There were 18 in all, and Dumars tied an NBA record by making 10 of them Tuesday night. He finished with 40 points as the host Detroit Pistons beat the Timberwolves 126-112.

Dumars tied the NBA record set by Brian Shaw, then of Miami, on April 3, 1993. He attempted only one field goal from inside the circle - his first shot of the game - and missed it. He also made all 10

of his free throws. "They weren't pressuring me outside, so I didn't need to take it in," he said.

Only one other player had made 10 3-pointers in a game - Les Selverage of the Anaheim Amigos of the old ABA. Three players have made nine 3-pointers in an NBA game, all from behind the old arc, which extended as far as 23'9" from the basket.

"I look for this record to stand about a week with guys like Reggie Miller out here," Dumars said.

Rockets 100, Cavaliers 98. At the first regular-season game at new Gund Arena in Cleveland, Hakim Olajuwon sank the winning shot with 3.1 seconds left, a short fallaway jumper from the baseline over Hot Rod Williams.

"I don't think anybody in the world stops Hakim on a shot like that," Williams said. "You try to play good defense and just hope he misses."

Cleveland had a chance to win, but Mark Price missed an off-balance 3-pointer from the corner at the buzzer. Olajuwon became the leading scorer in Rockets history, surpassing Calvin Murphy's 17,949 points.

Olajuwon scored 21 points with 12 rebounds, seven blocks and six assists. Terrell Brandon had 19 and Chris Mills 18 for Cleveland.

Kalicks 117, Lakers 113. Host New York tried to run with the younger Lakers in the first half and fell behind by 20 points. Then they went

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS:**  
New York 117, LA Lakers 113  
Detroit 126, Minnesota 112  
Houston 100, Cleveland 98  
Denver 115, Dallas 107  
Golden State 121, Miami 114

back to a more deliberate style and made 15 of 18 shots in the decisive third quarter.

Patrick Ewing led New York with 24 points. John Starks, who signed a 3-year, \$13.1 million contract extension earlier in the day, had 23 points, 15 in the third quarter.

Nick Van Exel had 26 points and Cedric Ceballos 22 for Los Angeles.

Nuggets 115, Mavericks 107. Dikembe Mutombo had a triple-double - 12 points, 14 rebounds and 15 blocked shots - and Ramsey Rogers scored a career-high 28 points.

The score was 80-80 after three periods, and visiting Denver then outscored the Mavs 31-18 to pull away.

Reggie Williams had 17 points, Bryant Smith 16 and rookie Jalen Rose 14. Jim Jackson of Dallas matched his career-high with 37 points.

Warriors 121, Heat 114. Latrell Sprewell scored 13 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and host, Golden State won its third straight.

Glen Rice scored 31 points for the Heat. Newly acquired Kevin Willis had 24 points and 12 rebounds.

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Houston	3	0	1.000	-
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Denver	2	1	.667	1
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Minnesota	0	3	.000	3
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	W	L	Pct.	GB
Golden State	3	0	1.000	-
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Sacramento	1	1	.500	2
Seattle	1	0	1.000	1
Phoenix	1	1	.500	1
LA Clippers	1	2	.333	2
LA Lakers	0	2	.000	2.5
Golden State 121, Miami 114				

## Border haunts England

CANBERRA (Reuters) - Former Australia captain Allan Border returned to haunt England by leading the Prime Minister's XI to a two-wicket win in its limited-overs match yesterday.

Border, 39, who recorded three consecutive series wins against England before his retirement from international cricket in May, marshaled his side expertly to once again embarrass the tourists, inflicting their second defeat in five matches.

Chasing England's meager 143, the Prime Minister's XI reached its target with 14 balls to spare at Manuka Oval.

It was a memorable outcome for Border on what was expected to be his last limited-overs appearance against England.

But he predicted the tourists would prove far more challenging opponents during the forthcoming five-Test Ashes series, starting in Brisbane on November 25.

Border made a telling decision when he won the toss and sent the tourists in to bat on a damp wicket which offered the bowlers some early assistance.

England struggled throughout,

losing wickets regularly while hitting only three boundaries before being dismissed in the 47th over.

England captain and opener Mike Atherton was top scorer with 31, equaling the number of extras. Only four other England batsmen reached double figures.

"It was a slow, low wicket, with a very slow outfield and these are not the conditions you would like to see for a limited-overs match," Border added, an opinion shared by Atherton in his post-match comments.

"We lost the game when we didn't bat for our full 50 overs and that left us 20 runs short of what we needed," Atherton said.

"The ball seemed this morning and took spin during the afternoon. It was difficult for the batsmen to play any shots at all," he added.

South Australia opener Darren Lehmann scored 43 to provide a foundation for the Prime Minister's XI. Border made 13.

England spinner Phil Tufnell grabbed three wickets at a cost of 30 runs but had to contend with a barrage of good-natured insults hurled at him during the game.

## Fehr slams baseball owners over ad

NEW YORK (AP) - Just two days before the scheduled resumption of negotiations toward resolving the Major League Baseball strike, union head Donald Fehr criticized owners for trying to "fool the public" with their latest advertising campaign.

Fehr was angered that owners bought a full page in yesterday's editions of USA Today and claimed baseball's "long-term financial viability" was threatened by "huge payrolls that also impair the league's competitive parity."

The ad, which owners released Tuesday, said management's bargaining proposal is needed to preserve teams in Pittsburgh, Milwaukee and Kansas City. Owners also say they're "determined to reach an agreement on a new contract so that the 1995 baseball season can begin on schedule."

"I think what it clearly says is they believe it's a public relations war," Fehr said. "I think they're just trying to set the stage for implementation and trying to fool the public."

Talks are to resume today at an executive retreat in Rye Brook, NY, the suburb north of New York where Fehr lives.

"It's important that fans, players and management understand that at this time in history, baseball needs some fine tuning," acting commissioner Bud Selig said in a statement. "That should be the context into which all parties seek answers and peace."

The sides have met formally just five times since players struck August 12 and just once since owners canceled the season on September 14. Mediator WJ Utery, appointed last month by the Clinton administration, called for the renewed talks.

However, owners still insist on a salary cap and the union says it never will accept one.

## NHL cool to gov't intervention

OTTAWA (AP) - The idea of a parliamentary inquiry into the National Hockey League's labor trouble is getting a cool reception from the league and its players.

On Tuesday, two members of government were talking about a large-scale investigation into the problems that have shut down hockey.

"We want to fast-track it," said Paul Zed, vice chairman of the Commons industry committee.

But the plan is not drawing any support from NHL officials and players.

"I would oppose anything like that," Boston Bruins general manager Harry Sinden said. "I'm not a fan of big government coming into situations like this."

Before such a study could begin, the committee has to pass a motion at an open meeting. So far, no motion.

Any inquiry, Zed suggested, might look at such areas as taxpayer subsidies of NHL arenas, corporate tax write-offs on tickets, broadcasting revenues and economic spinoffs in NHL locales.

The NHL office in New York said the impasse must be resolved using collective bargaining.

"If Parliament does choose to investigate, the NHL will respond to its inquiries," the league said in a statement.

Los Angeles defenseman Marty McSorley, a vice president of the NHL Players Association, ques-

tioned the practical implications of any inquiry.

"Whether a federal government has the ability to dictate to NHL owners, Disney or Blockbuster Video that operate outside the country, I don't know," he said.

Meanwhile, talks are continuing, but with no prospect of a season in sight, Toronto Maple Leafs captain Doug Gilmour said he's leaving Sunday to play in Switzerland, and the Vancouver Canucks announced staff cuts, laying off two employees. The Calgary Flames, New Jersey Devils, Dallas Stars and Winnipeg Jets already have made layoffs.

Gilmour, who will join Rapperswil-Jona in the Swiss League, said he is still optimistic that a deal can be worked out.

Until then, fans will have to be satisfied with exhibition hockey. The NHL Players Association has organized a four-team tournament starting today in Hamilton, Ontario, with proceeds going to Ronald McDonald children's charities. There's also been talk of a three-week, six-team league based in non-NHL cities. That league would be organized by the NHLPA if the season is canceled.

The games in Hamilton will feature sides of four players competing in running-time periods. In-game penalties will be replaced by post-game penalty shots.

The lockout, in its 39th day, has led the league to cancel 14 games from each team's schedule. A total of 215 scheduled games have been missed.

## Top cricket ump in town

Post Sports Staff

ENGLAND international umpire Don Oslear is here to conduct a week-long lecture tour for local cricket umpires. He will also officiate at the Israel Cricket Association knock-out final in Ashdod on Saturday between league-winners Neveh Yonatan and A league runner-up Ashdod.

On Saturday, Ashdod A clinched its place in the final. Ashdod A 171/8 (Hillel Aweskar 54, Alan Moss 37/0) beat Tel Aviv 132 (Alan Moss 34, Mark Hamburger 34, Dani Malekar 5/24, Hillel Aweskar 4/40).

The Sports Pages are edited by Joe Hoffman

## Local rugby season starts Saturday

JOEL GORDIN

THE 1994/5 rugby season opens on Saturday with three league games. Reigning champions Kibbutz Vitzel travels to the Tel Aviv Sportek to play Ra'anana. Galil Elyon hosts the Haifa Technion, while Maccabi Herzliya plays ASA Jerusalem in the capital. Last year's runner-up, ASA Tel Aviv, has a bye.

Israel Rugby Union president Teddy Edelstein has announced ambitious plans to expand the union's membership, especially among the country's youth. Two former players, Jeremy Schroeder and Nick Henri, were sent to South Africa for a coaching course during the summer. Upon their return, they have established a network of 11 youth teams at schools from Galil to Beersheba.

The children will play their games as curtain raisers to the adult contests. The union also hopes to bring a coach from New Zealand for a six-month period and hire a full-time local coach and administrator. "We have received a grant from the International Rugby Settlement Fund, and we are determined to build a healthy infrastructure," stated Edelstein.

"Experience has shown that, in the long run, this is more important than international contests," he added.

Another innovation this year, is the division of the country into north, central and south divisions for league play.

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# PM accused of muzzling anti-Assad assessment

RIGHT-WING MKs yesterday accused Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of muzzling the army and accused intelligence branch chief Maj-Gen. Uri Saguy of serving as Rabin's lackey, as the controversy over the propriety of leaks from the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee turned into bitter political recriminations.

The controversy erupted on Tuesday when committee members leaked an assessment of Syrian President Hafez Assad made behind closed doors by the head of army intelligence research, Brig-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror. Amidror said the portrayal of Assad as a man who keeps his word was a "myth."

Rabin publicly disagreed with Amidror's statement, reiterating his longstanding assertion that Assad is a man of his word, as evidenced by the fact that he has faithfully adhered to the terms of the 1974 cease-fire agreement.

Yesterday Rabin again rejected as "baseless" Amidror's assessment in comments to reporters in Beersheba. "This is not the first time the intelligence branch has made mistakes in its assessments," Rabin said without elaborating.

The argument over whether the leaks were appropriate parliamentary behavior was drowned in a barrage of opposition attacks against Rabin and Saguy.

The Likud demanded that Rabin be summoned to appear before the committee. Eliahu Ben-Elissar charged that "Rabin's criticism of

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Amidror's assessments is tantamount to muzzling [people] on issues of vital importance to state security."

Tsomet and the National Religious Party submitted a no-confidence motion against the government for its policies regarding Syria and its willingness to begin stage two of the peace process with the Palestinians. The factions cited Amidror's assessments in justifying its motion.

Uzi Landau (Likud) called on committee chairman Ori Orr to reveal the minutes of Tuesday's meeting "so that the public could decide between the professional assessments of the IDF intelligence branch and the assessments of the prime minister regarding [Assad]."

Tsomet Party leader Rafael Eitan charged that Amidror's assessment proved that Saguy, who has told the committee several times that Assad is serious about peace, "wants to please the prime minister. When [Rabin] says we can believe Assad, [Saguy] regards it as his duty to back the prime minister's views. Those junior and senior officers who have direct connection to intelligence information regarding Syria know what is going on there better than the prime minister."

Likud MK Ariel Sharon warned that the attempt to dismiss the intelligence officer's assessment was reminiscent of the way the govern-

ment ignored intelligence assessments on the eve of the Yom Kippur War.

Tsomet MK Moshe Peled and Labor MKs Avigdor Kahalani and Emanuel Zissman sharply rejected an attack against Amidror by members of the intelligence branch as reported on Israel Radio and the daily *Davar*. Amidror was reportedly accused of being "politically biased."

Kahalani and Zissman said the attacks were "grave and cowardly...We are talking about a brilliant intelligence officer who has earned great appreciation. We will be in serious trouble if we repeat the mistake which led to the failure of the Yom Kippur War, which was the result of the fact that we did not listen to the assessments of anyone other than the head of intelligence."

Meanwhile, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur criticized MKs for leaking Amidror's comments. "Deliberations in the plenum of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee are like street meetings, everything is made public," said Gur. "However, we cannot prevent the Knesset from supervising the government...I'm doubtful that we can create a new situation in which there are no leaks and the media is more restrained. However, we must not allow the present situation to lead us to a type of dictatorship where one, two, three or five people know the facts and make the decisions."



Ashdod residents Yoram Livraty, 22 (left), and Charlie Azaraz, suspected of stealing 20 Galil rifles from the Tze'elim army base which ended up in the hands of Hamas terrorists, appear for a further remand hearing in Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday. Livraty has agreed to testify for the prosecution in return for a lenient sentence. (Israel Sun)



## Laborites threaten to quit if Ramon not curbed

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

SOME 20 labor council secretaries are threatening to leave the Labor Party unless Prime Minister Rabin and the party's leadership intervene immediately to stop Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon from firing 700 workers and cutting the pay of those who remain.

The labor council secretaries and the leaders of Labor's Histadrut faction are to meet with Rabin and the party's Knesset faction next Monday in the Knesset to formulate their position.

If still unsatisfied with Rabin's stand, the secretaries say they will

quit Labor. "We catapulted Rabin to power, first in the party and then in the Knesset, and we will bring him down again," one labor council secretary said yesterday.

The feeling prevalent among the labor council secretaries and other Histadrut workers is that Rabin is implicitly backing Ramon and his moves to fire hundreds of workers and to destroy Histadrut structures and institutions. Moreover, they believe that Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli, whom they had counted on to spearhead their fight against Ramon, is taking Ramon's side, by saying that he would not turn the dismissal issue into a political confrontation with Ramon or into a Histadrut coalition crisis.

However, Zvilli said yesterday that Labor would "fight against Ramon's brutal manner and the way in which he went about the dismissals, which turn the Histadrut into the worst possible kind of employer. This mode of behavior

gravely damages the Histadrut's holding power in its argument against other employers over workers' rights."

Ramon, however, said Labor's Histadrut faction is not only refraining from fighting against the dismissals, but is a full partner in the plan for cutbacks. Zvilli's statement, he said, "is a confirmation of the hypocrisy and double standard typical of Labor's rule in the Histadrut."

"I wish all the employers would keep to the labor laws as the Histadrut does."

## Intelligence often leaked 'for the sake of Israel'

BACKGROUND

DAN IZENBERG

IN the furor over Tuesday's leaks from the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee meeting with the head of army intelligence research, one telling factor was overlooked: this is the first scandal of its kind in many years.

The relative tranquility has had nothing to do with any diminishing propensity on the part of MKs to tell all, or, more precisely, to tell everything that suits their political aims. It is the result of an unwritten accommodation between the previous and current chairmen of the foreign affairs and defense committee and the Knesset press corps.

Since 1988, when Likud MK Eliyahu Ben-Elissar became chairman of the committee, reporters have been briefed by non-political parliamentary officials after plenary meetings involving the prime

minister, the foreign minister and the chief of staff.

Ben-Elissar introduced the practice of combating leaks of classified, tendentious or erroneous information by committed members. However, he and his successor, Ori Orr, refused to extend the arrangement to include intelligence briefings such as the one on Tuesday.

The arrangement proved satisfactory to both sides. One of its indirect effects was that until recently journalists did not seek information about intelligence meetings. That practice ended a few months ago.

Thus the problems that could arise in the past over media report-

age of any given plenary meeting, have begun to re-emerge with regard to military intelligence reports.

Many MKs leak to the press to promote their political point of view. That was certainly the case on Tuesday. The assessments of the intelligence officer were obviously pertinent to the debate over the future of the Golan Heights. A committee member said he was speaking to reporters "for the sake of Israel," and he meant it.

The controversy, however, might persuade Orr to change his mind and extend the arrangement so that reporters will also be briefed on the meetings of the committee with intelligence

officers.

The accommodation between the committee and the press corps has obvious drawbacks and benefits in terms of the information that is conveyed to the public. But in general, the relationship between the press and the legislators, whatever its form, has created a situation in which the senior political and military echelon are now extremely reluctant to provide the committee plenum with any classified information.

One well-informed source said plenum meetings might as well be open to the press for all the classified information presented there.

Today, most secret information is conveyed in the small subcommittees of the foreign affairs and defense committee. The plenum has absolutely no access to this information. So far, neither do reporters.

## Plia Albeck: Seller cheated firm on Nebi Samwil deal

A FORMER Justice Ministry official testified yesterday that the Moreshest Binyamin company did not receive all of the lands it paid for in Nebi Samwil because they were swindled by the Arab seller.

Attorney Plia Albeck, who began testifying yesterday in the trial of former interior minister Aryeh Deri, said an Arab named Barakat

cheated the company and sold it lands which were not registered under his name. She said a police investigation was opened, but Barakat died.

Deri is charged with using his influence as Interior Ministry director-general to obtain alternative lands for Moreshest Binyamin, which sold them to religious fam-

ilies although they were not zoned for construction.

Albeck also said that if Moreshest Binyamin had succeeded in registering all of the property in the Land Registry she may have recommended allowing them to build at Nebi Samwil.

Albeck served as director of the civil division during the 1980s and

was considered to be an expert in the legal status of land in the territories.

Deri's lawyers objected to Albeck's testimony, saying it was unfeasible that they would hear for the first time that Moreshest Binyamin was swindled, since Albeck had not mentioned anything to police about the matter in her statements.

But Judge Miriam Naor said that a similar claim had been brought up in court by Aryeh Nahmkin, who said the Arab had fled to Jordan. (Itim)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Harish warns of Labor defeat in '96 polls

Trade and Industry Minister Micha Harish yesterday warned his party of "a far worse electoral defeat in the next elections than the one which toppled Labor from power in 1977."

Harish told a large party gathering in Givatayim that Labor "is on a dead-end road to defeat and is clinically dead, unless it takes immediate, very drastic action to overhaul itself."

### Stropkover rebbe dies

Rabbi Yehzekiel Shraga Halberstam, a leading Sanz hassidic rabbi known as the Stropkover rebbe, died yesterday. He was 87. Halberstam was the only survivor of a family destroyed in the Holocaust. He moved to Israel in 1948 from Hungary, and lived in Ramle. In 1954 he became the Stropkover rebbe, a small hassidic sect, and moved to Mea She'arim in Jerusalem. Halberstam published a number of books, many of them on the leaders of the Sanz Hassidic dynasty.

### Restaurant manager attacked by employee

The manager of a Jerusalem restaurant was hit in the head with a hammer by an Arab employee during a violent quarrel yesterday morning. The manager, who was lightly to moderately injured, told police his attacker also stole his pistol, but the police doubt the truth of this. Police stress they are discounting the possibility of nationalistic motives. (Itim)

### 'Dinitz's expenses were in line of duty'

A former Jewish Agency official testified yesterday in the trial of agency chairman Simcha Dinitz that "there is a big difference between a regular worker and the chairman of the agency." Yehuda Ben-David, who headed the emissaries division from 1987-1990, said that "all of the expenses of the chairman are incurred as part of the position." (Itim)

### Weizman: Lay off the IDF

President Ezer Weizman yesterday called on the people to "lay off the army," saying it is an excellent organization, which like others, sometimes makes mistakes. In a speech at the annual memorial service for David and Paula Ben-Gurion at Sde Boker, Weizman said public criticism of the army is vital, but recently it has become harmful. (Itim)

### Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, seven of hearts, eight of diamonds, and nine of clubs.

## Housing Dept. told to report on deficiencies

EVELYN GORDON

THE Housing Ministry's Public Works Department should prepare a detailed report on what is doing to correct deficiencies pointed out in the recent state comptroller's report, and give it to the Knesset State Control Committee within a month, committee chairman David Magen (Likud) demanded yesterday.

The committee was discussing State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat's scathing report on the PWD, based on a sample of 29 intercity road projects implemented between 1990 and 1993. Ben-Porat found that on average, these projects exceeded their timetable by about 75% and their budget by 23%.

The worst project exceeded its timetable by a whopping 538%, and the worst budget overrun was 105%.

In response to the report, the PWD said that most of the overruns, in both time and money, were beyond its control. They were due to things like the discovery of antiquities that needed to be excavated, or delays in the removal of electricity, sewage, water or communications installations, the PWD said.

However, Ben-Porat did not accept this response. None of these were a major factor in the projects she checked, she said.

The main problems, Ben-Porat said, were caused by the PWD itself: starting work before the planning was finished; frequent changes in the plans; the performance of work not really related to the project.

PWD director-general Ben-Zion Salman insisted to the committee that this was unavoidable. It is very difficult to plan large and complicated projects in such a way that no changes are necessary, he said.

However, Magen did not accept this response, and demanded that the PWD prepare a report for the committee within a month on what it is doing to solve the problems.

Magen also asked the PWD to devote some of its budget to bridges and culverts, to reduce the danger from flooding and prevent sections of the country from being cut off by heavy rains.

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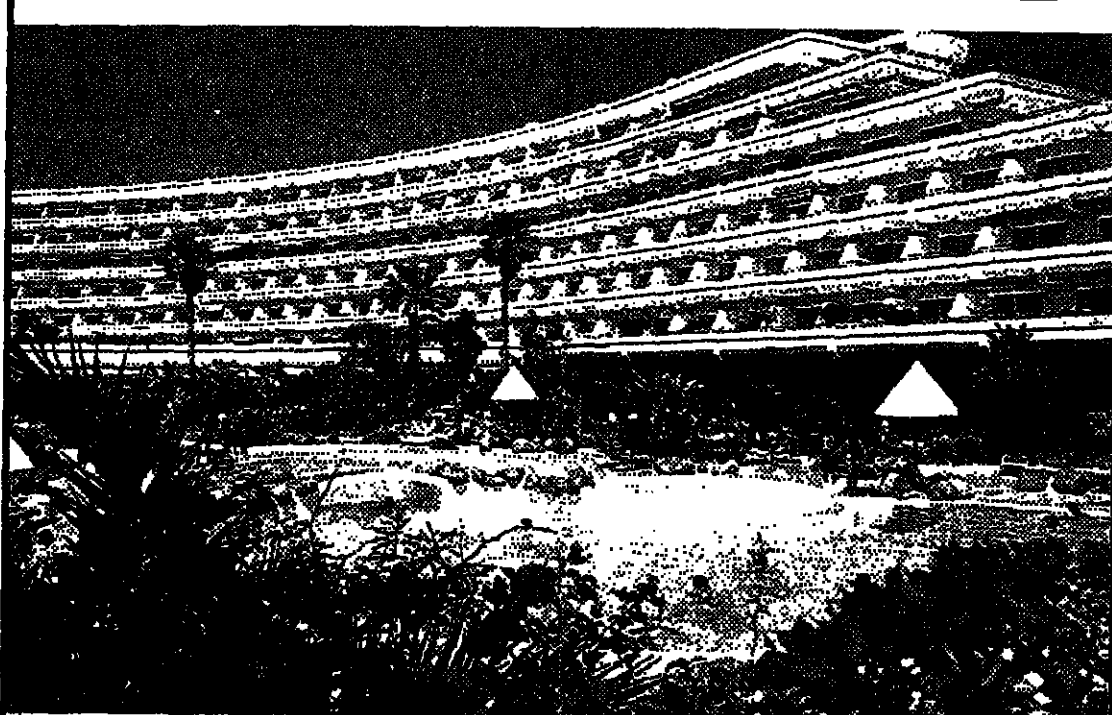
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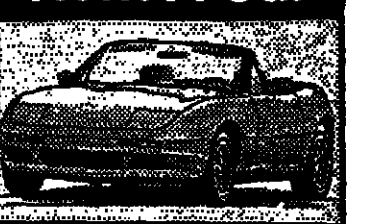


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